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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has also become an important employer of women, with 4.5 million women employed in the public sector in 1995, compared with 3.5 million in 1980.

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Leading the team out onto the field, senior **Star Sepulveda** gets pumped up for the game. The girls played a lot of tough teams. "We had a great season this year, and I'm going to miss everyone a lot," said Sepulveda.

Serving up the ball, junior **Adam Brandner** is proud of his swing. "My serve was my biggest problem throughout the year. I worked on it constantly and it improved greatly by the end of the season," Brandner said.



Jennifer Hanley



AJ Oltmanns



Lyndley Clarkson



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Sitting around the lunch table, sophomore **Robbie Robinson**, and freshmen **Oswaldo Castro** and **Adrian Burnham** talk about their day. "Lunch is a good way to hang out and get out of class," Robinson said.



Lyndley Clarkson

Juniors **Amie Palmer** and **Emily Adams** get swept up in the crowd on their way to lunch. "They should give us more time in between classes," Palmer said. Students are allowed five minutes to get to their next class.

At the football game against Highland, seniors **Steve DeJesus** and **Mike Cheesebrough** stand up in the stands to root for the Panthers. "I go to the game to cheer for #22, #32, #11, and #4," Cheesebrough said.

## Griffith High School

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Varsity Band



Senior Tug-of-War

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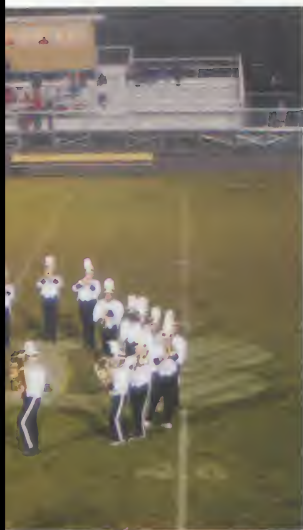


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Pantherettes

Lyndley Clarkson

The time to be silenced  
is over  
Now we stand up  
and speak out  
Because we are  
all important

This is our point of View.

Watching the game  
Running the play  
Barely passing time  
Zipping through tests  
Talking the night away

This is our point of View.

# This is our point of view

Today is not the day  
to be quiet

Speak up  
and be heard

All we may have  
is right now

So tell your story  
because

This is our point of View.

From the player's perspective  
in the heat of the game  
Nervous words from the Queen  
on the night of Homecoming  
Through the eyes of a freshman  
on the first day of school

Big opinions about life  
in the town of Griffith

This is our point of View.

Playing hacky sack outside the doors of the fieldhouse, junior Tim Garibay jumps in the air to make sure that he hits the sack. "I was feeling it that day, I was in the zone," Garibay said. Many students played hacky sack outside the fieldhouse.

During spirit week for homecoming, junior Louro Matovina and senior Audrey Tolson talk in class on nerd day. "Audrey and I were discovering our inner nerds, and I thought it was fun to dress like one for the whole day," Matovina said.



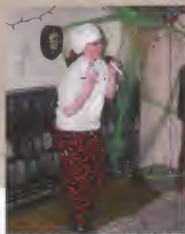
Lyndley Clarkson

Laying on the floor in government class, seniors Bobby Rockwell and Mark Hill catch some z's. "We were watching a boring movie that day and we had a sub, so we just fell asleep," Rockwell said.

Doing an impression of singer Ashlee Simpson, junior Ashley Stevens speaks to the crowd. "I was having a lot of fun singing and dancing around like a real star," said Stevens. It's always fun to sing in front of the mirror, so why not in front of a group of friends?



Doug Abbott



Lyndley Clarkson





# Through the Eyes of the Students

"The dress code is good for the most part, but they're too harsh about it."

—Anna Abbott, 9

"The Homecoming dance is just another way to waste our money. We have other dances to worry about."

—Amber Houchin, 12

"Darcy is a great girlfriend, and she means a lot to me."

—Claudio Gurrola, 12

"Friday nights, after cheering at the football game, I get ready and then meet everyone, usually at Doug's."

—Brittany Miller, 12

"I went to North Carolina with my family for vacation. It was very exciting and awesome. I wish I could go back soon."

—Brian Kayden, 10

"I see a lot of people at the movies. It's always fun to see new movies that have just come out."

—David Konopasek, 10

"I like my family as long as I'm not fighting with them."

—Sarah Cole, 9

"I wanted to get a tattoo because my brother has one, and we're twins. It means Brett Thomas, because everyone calls me BT."

—Brett Hill, 12

"If you want to be involved in after school activities, then wait to work - high school should be fun. Take advantage of the free time you have."

—Amy Baran, 11

"When I have nothing else to do, I sleep and eat. I love sleeping and couldn't live without it."

—Lauren Winiecki, 9

"The talent show is a lot of fun. You get to see everyone show their talent and it makes me laugh."

—Mike Leibengood, 10

"I hate any kind of pets. I don't even have any."

—Adam Brandner, 11

"I love Christmas because I get to give gifts and receive them!"

—Brooke Miller, 9

"Turnabout isn't as big as it used to be, and I think it's because girls are too shy to ask the guys to go with them. It could also be that people just don't want to go any more."

—Melony Cabrales, 10

"I think prom is a real fun time where people can go and enjoy themselves."

—Craig Otto, 11

"Cheerleaders show great school spirit. It's always fun to see all of the lockers decorated in the hallways."

—Sidney Govert, 11

"After Graduation, your whole life starts and you're thrown into the real world."

—Zach Hinchey, 12

How we  
see it



Lindley Clarkson

Lindley Clarkson

"We were t-ying outside and we got caught! But they said we could just go inside and t-yp his room if we wanted, so we did," junior Renee Cobrales said. She said that the best thing about it was that she didn't get in trouble!

Sitting behind the sign they made, juniors Dennis Vessel, Ryan Frahm, and Matt Perez and seniors Dana Davis and Tyler Wood watch the football game. Vessel and Perez made the sign for junior Brandon Veroness. "We just told Verc(ness) we would 'cause he makes good tackles and stuff," said Vessel.

Black and Gold Day was probably the most popular spirit week day. Juniors Nicole Kubacki and Krystal Uhl showed their school spirit by dressing up. Kubacki's favorite day was Black and Gold Day because it was the most fun and easiest one to go all out on. "I play three sports and I'm into athletics, so I like to support the school," Kubacki said.



Lyndley Clarkson



Jennifer Handley

**How many games do you go to in a month?**

**14% one**

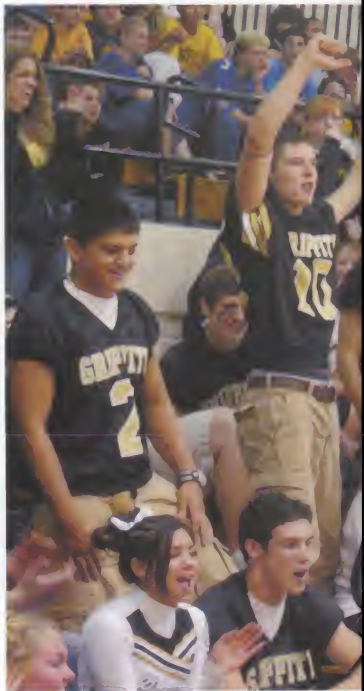
**14% two**

**14% three**

**43% four or more**

**56 Students surveyed**

To show their school spirit, seniors Mike Cuneo and Sara Brines walk down the hall on Black and Gold Day. "I have school spirit because I go to school events and games to cheer on the teams," Brines said. Brines also dressed up for Dress Up Day and Nerd Day. Brines liked black and gold day because she thought it was fun.





# Show me some spirit

Page by: Emily Adams  
Story by: Crystal Gonzales



Jennifer Handley

"When you say school spirit, what do you think of? Maybe dressing up every day for spirit week, going to every varsity football game, or being on an after school team. Well for me, being a cheerleader, it means so much more. I never thought that I would actually get into school spirit the way I do. Especially on Fridays before the varsity football and basketball games. Just coming home and getting ready for the game gets me really pumped up for the football or basketball games. Knowing that I'm going to be there getting the crowd all pumped up too, really gets me in the mood to cheer. Especially for home games, it really gets you excited to see the crowd cooperating with you. Some people think that only the players get an adrenaline rush, but the cheerleaders probably get more excited than anyone. The players control the game and sort of know what is going to happen or what play is next, but the cheerleaders wait intensely every second to see what happens. As we do that, we cheer our wonderful football and basketball players to another victory."

The most school spirit I've ever seen was at this years Homecoming! Andrean is a hard team to beat and honestly, I wasn't so sure what was going to happen. Andrean had a really good team, and I thought they were going to be hard to beat. I guess I was wrong, though. The '04 Homecoming, by far, was the most spirit I have ever seen in my four years of cheering. I think that everyone came out to the game not knowing what to expect, not knowing if we were going to add another victory to our record. Every time we made a touch down, the crowd went crazy, and everyone was cheering with us and yelling for their friends and relatives out on the field. You could tell that everyone was having fun and was glad they came out. As a cheerleader it's really cool to see everyone cooperating with you and cheering. You could tell that the crowd was really having fun."



Jennifer Handley



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During activities day, many students showed support for their classes, including Juniors Josh Gonzales, Matt Nellen, and Brandon Veronesi. Nellen liked activities day because he enjoys cheering on his classmates. "The crowd was enthusiastic and it (activities day) had exciting games," Nellen said.

Junior Andre Rodgers and senior Audrey Tolson talk in the hall before school about their senior citizen day apparel. "I liked senior citizen day the best because people looked like old grandmas that you would find in a church, and people were really into it with their walkers and canes," Tolson said.

Relaxing in sixth hour concert choir, sophomores *Matt Aubry* and *Tyler Louviere* wait for their instructions from *Mark Jancosek*, choir, on what they are to do in class. Out of the 56 students in concert choir, *Aubry* and *Louviere* often talk to each other.



Jace McMullin



Jace McMullin

After a cross-country meet, junior *Kristen Mathews* plays with her cell phone and talks with sophomore *Chris Martin*. "We like to joke around and that's why the cross-country team is so tight," said *Mathews*.

Leaning up against the lockers during passing period, senior *Danny Lewis* and junior *Amy Baran* talk about their day. "We have a lot of fights, but our relationship is pretty good overall," *Lewis* said.

"My mother has always taught us that brotherhood will be there forever, cause if you can't trust your brother then who can you trust?" said junior Andre Rodgers. During band class, Rodgers and his brother senior Antoine Rodgers discuss their day.

## How well do the Lehmanns know each other?

### Richie's answers for Nate

1. Favorite food: Pizza
2. Birthday: May 20, 1987
3. Favorite color: Blue
4. Color or eyes: Blue
5. Hero: Grandpa
6. Favorite hobby: Golfing

### Nate's Answers

1. Lemon Rice Soup
2. May 20, 1988
3. Blue
4. Blue-Green
5. Walter Payton
6. Eating

### Nate's Answers for Richie

1. Pizza
2. August 28, 1986
3. Black
4. Green
5. Spider Man
6. Football

### Richie's Answers

1. Pizza
2. August 28, 1986
3. Black
4. Green
5. Spider Man
6. Music



While walking out of class and talking together, juniors Ashley Stevens and Crystal Chandler leave their sixth hour concert choir class. "Crystal and I have been friends since eighth grade and we have a weird sense of humor so we definitely get along," said Stevens.

## Brotherly Love

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Story by: Ryan Trepp

The Webster's Dictionary states that a relationship is just the condition of being related and having the same bloodline. I believe that there is much more to a relationship than a bloodline. I believe there are a number of key things that you are required to have to be in a relationship. Number one, you have to spend a lot of time with your sibling. Two, you would have to possess some type of bloodline, as the definition states. And last but not least you have to be fond of and or love your sibling. But it didn't say anywhere that you had to be exactly like your relative.

My brother Tony and myself are just about exact opposites. We all know how my brother Tony is all in to skateboarding and he is little bit of punk. While I would be thought of as being more conservative, responsible, and like to keep myself full of activity. I could never list how many things that we don't have in common. There are a lot of instances in which people don't even know we are brothers.

The one main thing I notice that we don't have in common is our choices of hobbies and leisure activities. Tony spends his time skateboarding and being with people he has never met before. I spend my time at work, with my friends, and doing random activities. While Tony has a new kid spend the night and has a large assortment of friends, I on the other hand prefer to just maintain a group of close friends. But it is almost everyday I see someone I don't know.

There are some things about him that amaze me. One of them is the out of the ordinary thing that Tony possesses that gives him the power of bossing around kids that are three times his size, which is ludicrous due to the obviousness of Tony's short stature. Another thing that amazes me is the way that Tony can just about be successful in any aggressive sport that he sets his sights on succeeding in. This may be the one thing that I envy about my brother.

I know that Tony can sometimes be a major pain in the neck and gets on just about everybody's nerves once in a while, but then you can imagine how horrible it is to live with the kid. Tony and I never really get into physical fights but just about every other day we are arguing about something. He knows how to push my buttons and uses that to his advantage when we argue.

I know that sometimes Tony and I don't get along, and that we really don't have a lot in common, but he is a great brother every now and then. And just because he is I would not give up our relationship for the world. No matter who I could replace him with.

## Fast Facts Which Class Has The Most School Spirit?

	Winners
Hollywood Day	12
Nerd Day	10
Dress-Up Day	9
Senior Citizen Day	9 & 12
Black & Gold Day	9
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	
Dizzy Relay	9
Object Relay	10
Crazy Relay	10
Boys Cheerleading	12
Girls 3-legged Basketball	12
Tug-o-War	12
Human Tunnel	9
Mummy Wrap	12
Scavenger Hunt	11
<b>FLOOT</b>	
Star Wars- senior	10
Lord of the Rings-junior	
Oscars-sophomore	
Panther Walk of Fame-freshmen	

Painfully trying to balance on his hands and knees, senior Micky Schoon helps support senior Brad Glidewell. "It took us about three times to get it right, and we held it for about five seconds," Schoon said. By building a human pyramid the seniors shut out all of the other grade levels and won the activity.

Trying to keep their footing while running around in circles, sophomore girls wrap up Kelly Redden in order to win the mummy wrap. "It was really hot," Redden said. "they had to rip open the toilet paper around my mouth, so that I could breathe." Despite their best efforts, the sophomore girls were defeated by the seniors.



Jennifer Handley

English teacher Kristina Kravko talks to senior Kevin Tarok in the halls before class. Tarok likes to go to games and dress up during Spirit Week to show support for his school. Tarok's favorite Spirit Week day has always been Dress Up Day. "I like dressing up and wearing suits," Tarok said.



# Panther Pride

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Story By: Nimi Grabiec

"To start out the school year with homecoming, in my opinion, is the only way. It gets a lot of students pumped up about spirit week and the football game. Participating in spirit week is humorous. To be able to go all out and be goofy with your friends and classmates is a great thing. I think that the students who have a good time with spirit week are exciting people who know how to enjoy themselves.

I think that the homecoming game was better this year than in the past. I went to the football game on Friday night. Each year for homecoming our school usually plays teams that are easy to beat, and we win without a fight. This year was better, because we knew that both of the teams were good, and the game would have to be fought to be won because we played Andrean, I thought that the game was more interesting and entertaining to watch.

Float building is not my forte. When it comes to creativity, I just do not have the talent. However, I do enjoy watching the floats that the classes made in the parade, and seeing all of the hard work that they put into building them. Since I am in D.E.C.A. and S.A.D.D. (both are in the parade), I find it very pleasant to walk in it.

All homecoming is really about is enjoying yourself. I wish that the school would let the students come inside and decorate the hallways on Thursday night, before the "big day". If we could do that, then it would make Friday fun and exciting. The senior pranks are great but only if the pranks don't get out of hand. Students shouldn't become destructive by vandalizing or destroying something that could possibly get them into trouble. I believe that if a prank is harmless, it is worth all of the smiles on the students' faces the next day when they see what went on the night before. A prank is a reflection of a student's personality. I admit it, I do teepes. However, I do not go egging, because I know that it is a pain the next morning trying to take it off when it is frozen to your car."



AJ Oltmanns



Jennifer Handley

Many students dressed up as senior citizen's day for the lunch discount, one such student was junior Tim Garibay. "I dressed up as an old man day solely so I could get the lunch discount. I walked in a walker and I was late to every class, but the teachers didn't count me tardy," Garibay said. Garibay dressed up for every other day also.



Jennifer Handley

Juniors Sarah Williams and Ashley Stevens discuss their nerd day attire before school. Stevens claims that she likes to show school spirit by dressing up during Spirit Week and by going to football games. Out of all the spirit week days, Stevens said nerd day was the best. "I liked it because I've always been just a geek," Stevens said.

## Words from the Court

"Since I have never been on court before, I definitely didn't expect to win, and I will always remember what a great surprise it was." —**Elise Dixon**

"I was happy that I made it all three years. Homecoming was the most exciting." —**Calvin Dudley**

"I borrowed my dress from my sister and I got my hair done at The Scissors but did my makeup myself." —**Darcy Goveat**

"It was fun to ride along the track, but it was very cold out." —**Elissa Heidler**

"The game had me yelling and cheering for all my friends on the field. I really enjoyed the whole experience." —**Charlette Joseph**

"I love the fact that we proved everyone wrong and beat Andean. Beating them by 30 points was fantastic." —**Rich Lehmann**

"It felt good to win the crown, and it was even better because we beat Andean, too." —**Nick Lam-Chi**

"I was very honored because it was my last year and I was on court all three years." —**Claudio Garrolo**

"At half time, I just walked out in my uniform because I didn't have time to change into a suit." —**Scott Stroudison**

"I was scared that I was going to trip while I was walking on the football field because the grass was so wet." —**Joe Wagman**

Performing the school song during their first activities day, freshmen Pantherettes Alexis Hartman and Miranda Pape show school spirit. Hartman joined Pantherettes because she enjoys dancing more than cheering. "I liked activities day because the whole school got together to have fun," Hartman said.

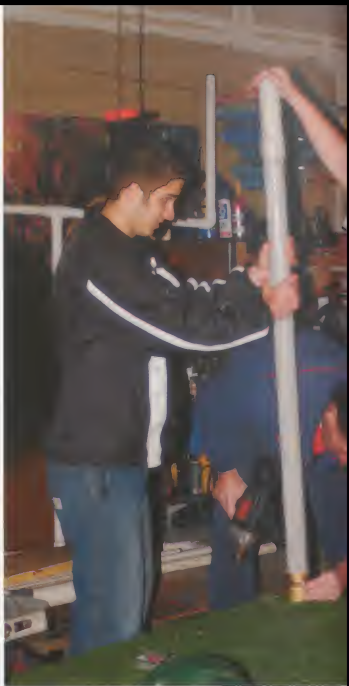


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Homecoming court nominee, senior Elissa Heidler, rides along in a neighbor's convertible during the Homecoming parade. Heidler liked being on court because she felt honored to be elected. "It was a good time even though it was raining, we still had fun," Heidler said.



Jennifer Handley







Sydney Clarkson



AJ Oltmanns

Senior class sponsor Russ Radtke gives a helping hand to seniors Tim Vessell and Jim Swiencone building the float. "I think the float came out better this year than in the past years," said Swiencone.



Jennifer Handley

Seniors Kelley Jusko and Kaitlyn O'Brien walk in the parade with the senior class council. "I think the parade was fun. The rain just made it more fun to play in," Jusko said.



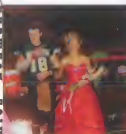
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Looking for someone to pass the ball to, juniors Nicole Kubacki and Carolyn Salczynski, fell to the ground during the girls three legged basketball activity. "I loved diving for the ball, but the duct tape hurt when it rubbed up against my skin," said Kubacki.

Running blind folded, sophomore Kollie Johnson carries a classmate on her back during an event at activities day. "It was fun, I couldn't stop laughing and thinking about how stupid I looked," said Johnson.

## Viewing Royalty

Rich Lehmann



Elise Dixon

Nick Lam-Chi



Caitlin Dudley

Claudio Gurrola



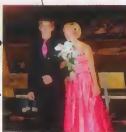
Darcy Govert

Scott Houldison



Elissa Holder

Joseph Wagman



Charlotte Joseph

## King and Queen

Elise Dixon

Nick Lam-Chi

# Classy, but Clueless

Page by: Kaitley McDonald  
Story by: Dayna Johnson

"The Dress code at Griffith High School really bothers me. I understand that people shouldn't come to school half naked but some of the rules are a waste of time. I got in trouble once my freshman year and now it seems that the administration stalks me in the hallway or at lunch. They get me in trouble for every little thing that most students would get away with. One time I got sent to the office for wearing my lucky red bandana around my wrist. Another time I got suspended for having holes in my jeans. Don't they have something better to worry about?

I mostly just shop at thrift stores. I find the kind of clothes I like there and I don't have to pay the high prices of name brand stores. I hate name brand clothes because you are only paying for the name and not the quality of the clothes. You can get the same stuff from places like KMart. I would much rather shop alone because people are annoying and they don't have the same opinion as me. Sometimes even when I am looking under my bed, I find new clothes and it feels like I'm going shopping for free because it's like wow I like this but I just don't know where it came from. Oh, I HATE Hot Topic, enough said.

I think people should wear whatever they want and not try to fit in. I know everyone has their own style and I understand that, but I hate when girls wear shawls. I mean does it really keep you warm? I just don't get the purpose of them. They just really look a lot like rain ponchos. What it really looks like someone did was picked up a rug from my grandmas floor, cut a hole through the middle, and slipped it over their head. I also hate when stores sell those shirts that you have to wear another shirt under it. Like those half sweater type things that are popular this year. I mean you pay full price then only get half a sweater. Then, you have to buy another shirt to put under it!

Everyone has their own opinion on fashion. My style is from the late 70s or early 80s. So my style is just as much a style that has come back as anyone else's. People that wear leg warmers pick to bring that back while I choose my own thing to bring back. I like what I wear just as much as other people like what they wear. They have their own thing and I have mine. I believe that this world would be even more screwed up if everyone liked the same thing and dressed the same."



Ashley McDonald

Holding her books, junior Sidney Govert has a quick talk with junior Drew Rogawski as lunch is ending. Button down shirts and long hair are guys a popular fashion this year.





Sophomores Christina Kireta and Kelsey Troxel stop in the hallway after lunch to make plans for after school. Like many girls wore, Kireta is wearing a jean skirt with flip flops.

Junior Ashley Schaller gets up in class to ask junior Carolyn Salczynski a question. Schaller is wearing a jean jacket. Jean jackets and other over coats were among the many trends this school year.



Ashley McDonald

Ashley McDonald

## What type of clothes that students wear do you hate?



"I hate when people wear all black gothic clothes with fish nets on their arms."

**Matt Nellemen, 11**

"I hate guys that wear all the punk necklaces, tight pants, and boots."

**Raquel Aguilera, 9**



"I hate when people wear giant shirts that go down to their knees."

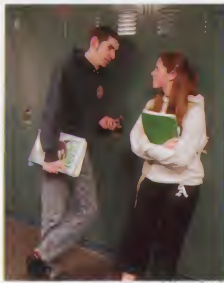
**Brett Newman, 12**

"I hate when people wear baggy clothes or when girls wear those ugly shawls"

**Becky Curnow, 10**



Ashley McDonald



Ashley McDonald

At lunch, sophomore Kelly Staszak laughs at a joke. Many girls wore bright colored sweaters that were typically worn off their shoulders. This was a new trend for the colder months.

Junior Christopher LaMendola sits in Sheila Vachlavik's English class trying to stay awake. LaMendola wears an all black t-shirt with all black baggy pants. For some students this style has been with them for years.

Trying to remember his combination, sophomore Ryan Frahm talks with senior Adrienne Powers before class. It was popular for students to wear sweatshirts for a quick, comfortable outfit.

# "Let's Go to Starbucks!"

Page By: Ashley Cogdill  
Story By: Elizabeth Sanford

When it is dark out, I actually do more than in the day. In the daytime, I am usually sleeping or doing something with my mom. Night time is when I usually hang with my friends. It all depends on the day if anybody is free. Usually, my friend **Ashley Cogdill** is the driver whenever we do anything at night. We go out to eat, go to other friends' houses, and lots of other stuff, just because we were bored.

One of the weirdest excursions we went on was when **Ashley** and **Mike McCrary** came over to my house at like 11:30 at night and said, "Do you want to go to Starbucks?" I thought it was a little late to be going to Starbucks, but I asked my mom and she didn't care. So we were on our way to what I thought was Starbucks. Well, I live near bozo's and the way to Starbucks is to take a left and go towards Scherrerville. **Ashley** went right. I just thought she had to take **Mike** to get his money. The thing was, she passed **Mike's** house. I just thought we were going somewhere else. So we're going down Broad Street and turn onto Ridge Road to go to Cline and get on the expressway. So I thought we were going to Portage, just to go. I asked if that's where we were going, but they said, "No." So we were still going on the highway and took the Chicago ramp. The music in the car was booming. You could probably hear us a mile away. That's when I asked where we were going. And when they told me again that we were going to Starbucks, I was just like, "Where at, in Timbucktwo?" When they told me Chicago, I started freaking out, but there was really no turning back. I just kept thinking about what my mom was going to say when she found out. Normal people don't just go to Chicago at 11:30 at night. At first we got a little lost trying to get to Michigan Avenue. We had to find some road, and it was all messed up. Half an hour later we got finally got there. **Mike** started showing me the stores that he and **Ashley** went to last time they went to Chicago. There was Gucci, H & M, Prada, and all the really expensive places. So we finally found Starbucks, but it was closed. I couldn't believe that we went all the way to Chicago to get coffee and the place wasn't even open. After that, we just went home. It was almost 1:30 in the morning when I got home, so I just told my mom that we went to Steak 'N Shake instead of Starbucks. She was a little mad, but not too bad. But after she reads this, she's gonna know everything. Oh well, she can't do anything about it now.



Showing support for football player and fellow bondmate, senior **Andrew Thomas**, the "Drew Crew" holds up the sign they made for **Thomas**. "We made the signs because **Drew** is the only one on the football team worthy of a fan club because he is the water distribution engineer," junior **Andrew Voclovik** said.

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Trying not to lough, junior **Andrew McMullin** waits for **Craigie Phipps** to finish signing his shirt. **McMullin** and other bond students visit **Phipps**, their former bond director. "We made the shirts because we were excited to see **Phipps** and we wanted to show off our band spirit," said **McMullin**.



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At a pasta party, junior **Kristen Mathews** sets up her **Hailey Pokey Elmo** doll. "We were playing with **Elmo** because he's really funny. When you push him over and he falls, he says goofy things. Everyone thought it was really funny," said **Mathews**. The cross-country team had pasta parties before a meet as a fun way to get excited before the meet.





Making sure she has colored it correctly, senior Lisa Guzman works on her "Free Rosie" shirt. Many students made shirts to show their support for senior Rosalinda Sendeas. "We were protesting against the wrong accusations against Rosie and the boys soccer team," said Guzman.

"Adam [Brandner] and I decided to sing karaoke because we thought it would be a whole bucket of fun," said junior Laura Matovina. Matovina and Brandner song Martina McBride's "My Valentine". "It was totally awesome," said Matovina.



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## Student Profile:



**Name:** Jessica Koch (Junior)

**Age:** 17

**Birthday:** December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1994

**Favorite Night-Life Activity:** Going to Parties and Clubs

**Who She Hangs With:** Her Girls

**Earliest Time Arriving at Home:** 11:30 - when she has to go to work in the morning.

**Latest Time Arriving at Home:** 4:30 or 5:00 AM

**Funniest Night-Life Disaster:** "These crazy Serbian guys kept following us everywhere we went because they wanted to talk to me. I had to pretend that one of my friends was my girlfriend. It was horrible."

**Funniest Night-Life Experience:** "My friend wasn't paying attention and she ran into an ATM machine at like 3:00 in the morning. Now, there's a huge dent in the side of her car, but the ATM machine isn't even scratched."

"If you're not careful what you do tonight you will regret it in the morning." - Jessica Koch, 17

Just getting up and going on vacation is a very exciting thing for kids in high school. "Going to Sanibel Island, Florida was fun. I got to spend time with my family and my sister's boyfriend. He was fun too. I'm just glad I got to get away from everything," said freshman Rachel Crivory.

Many people from Northwest Indiana don't see Chicago as a vacation site, but to foreign exchange student senior Lelia Beratto, it is amazing. "I was with all the foreign exchange students living in the Midwest. We're really close. We went to spend time with each other to have fun," said Beratto.



If you could go  
anywhere in the whole world for vacation,  
where would you go?

**Hawaii, because it's really pretty.**

—Andrea Naaman, 10

**Mexico, because it's warm and I love warm weather.**

—Mark Baccino, 10

**Sydney, Australia, because I saw MTV's Real World and ever since I've wanted to go.**

—Kelsey Troxel, 10

**Australia, because I want to see the exotic animals.**

—Michael Leibengood, 10

**Italy because I want to find an Italian boy and fall in love.**

—Eric Rilly, 11

**Amsterdam, because it looks fun and it would be cool.**

—Jody O'Connor, 9

**Paris, because the scenery seems like it would be pretty.**

—Samantha Rully, 10

**Martini Beach, South Carolina, because there's a lot of cute guys there and it would be fun to spend that time with my friends.**

—Tabitha Minton, 11



Some of the best vacations are when you spend it with friends. Sophomore Sam Kulig and senior Danny Lewis play cards at the cabin they rented in New Buffalo, Michigan. "We were all really tired from prom the night before, but we still had a lot of fun," said Kulig.

There are endless amounts of interesting places to go for vacation. The Sudac family decided to go to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. "We went to a tequila factory. It was very fun. They showed us how to make it," said senior Megan Sudac.







## Goodbye for now

Page by: Darci Lopez  
Story by: Tabitha Alston

"Stress. Built-up stress can be an effect of a long, dreadful school year. Most students, including myself, look forward to the 1/2 days, holidays, and teacher in-services. Another long awaited custom during the school year is the breaks. The breaks at Griffith include Fall, Winter, and Spring Break. Some students are restricted by sports and need to stay in town, while other lucky students spend their breaks going on vacation either out of town, state, or country. Spring Break is when majority of students tend to go away to relieve the built-up stress. Spring Break this year was planned to be later in the year. It began April 8, 2005 and ended April 18, 2005. This decision was made by the faculty in order to break up Easter and Spring Break. This year my family planned to go to Mexico over Spring break. When we went to the airport we were not allowed to board the plane because we did not have the proper papers to leave the country. Not wanting to waste our valuable vacation time, we made the decision to fly to Miami, Florida. With this decision, we risked not being able to get a new hotel, losing two Mexican time shares, not having a rental car, and spending more money than planned. This caused more stress, although when we hit the sandy beaches and the sun baked our skin, the stress was long forgotten."



Mexico is always a fun place to go, especially when there is no occasion. "Going to Puerto Vallarta was tons of fun. It was great getting away from everything in the middle of October," said senior *Princy Govea*.

## Going to the Card Shop!

Everyone has seen the "losers" who bring their card games to school and do nothing but debate combos and how to kill their opponent, but what exactly are those games about? Junior Chris LaMendola, who has four years experience in one of the card games, Magic the Gathering, is one of those card shop players. To those of you who are interested in trying to play Magic, or maybe just figure it out he gives a few tips.

- > **Sixty card decks** are the way to go. Decks that are bigger than that make everything more complicated and involve much more skill and thinking.
- > **Join pre-release tournaments.** Those types of tournaments will prevent you from being forced to join tournaments where players who have much more experience and better decks can gang up on you. In these tournaments, everyone gets a randomly put together deck and two packs to make your own deck.
- > **Always play "Type 2,"** which is the current rules for the most recent cards. Playing in the other types will put you with the far more experienced players with better and overpowered cards, basically ensuring that you will get beat down.
- > **Always use 20-24 lands** (the cards that are the base to every deck).
- > **If you are interested in buying a deck to get started, buy a "Ravage Deck."** It is quite possibly the most simple and cheapest deck.

## A Senior's Spots

Page By: Andrew Mazur  
Story By: Andrew Tolson

"During the weekend, most people do everything in their power to stay away from their home. This being my senior year, I was no exception. Even if it was just a walk outside my front door, as long as I wasn't inside, it was good. The places I went were many, all of them being with the friends I hung with: Liz Gallner, Andrew Mazur, Jacob Gee, Jace McMullin, and others that where a word can't be spared to list their name. Our time together was spent doing things nice enough to provide many great memories for the future. Hanging out at Liz's or Andrew's house, going out to eat, watching movies, going to football games, attending choir and band concerts, birthday parties, and many more things just because it got me away from my room. Skating to the library, walking along the bike trail with Andrew at my side on glorious sunny days, where the clouds proved scarce, walking to Central Park to watch the small kids play with their mothers and fathers were all great as well. These all found themselves as a part of my activities as time wore on and seasons changed during my senior year.

The most fun I believe I had was hanging out with various band members after several football and basketball games during marching and pepband season. The places we'd go varied with the fickleness of our desire from week to week. Sometimes we would go to Applebee's in Munster for their extremely nice waiter, 'Round the Clock in Schererville or on Indianapolis Blvd., depending on the service we wanted. When hanging out with friends during the weekends, it wasn't uncommon to stop for a quick bite at Burger King, Subway, or Panera Bread. For breakfast occasions, Dave and Lee's on Broad Street was always in consideration, as well as Baker's Square on Indianapolis Blvd. Their prices are cheap, their food is good, plus, it always filled us up, giving us the giddy feeling that came from a full stomach.

To experience a good time, other than sitting at home with a couple of good friends, a trip to the Golf Center was a nice investment of time. In the arcade, there were tons of choices of what to do. Usually with the crew I went with, Mazur and Gee, our attention was diverted to the Dance Dance Revolution pad, where we saw people extremely good at the game strut their stuff, or incredibly horrible players lose time and time again in very humiliating defeats. Either way, we usually ended up playing the game once, or ten times, each.

Another good way to spend my time was by playing all the kiddy games that gives you two to five tickets per token. It never ceased to give me great amusement to see Andrew Mazur knock down the Humpty Dumpty in the Humpty Dumpty game by throwing the ball as if pitching for a professional baseball team. These all were good times spent and experienced at my favorite hot spots."

"We go all the time because we can be crazy, we can have fun and I can be myself," said junior Zorica Kvirgic of 'Round the Clock. Kvirgic and sophomore Leah Morton enjoy themselves at dinner. Kvirgic would rather go to 'Round the Clock than anywhere else because they have the best dinner rolls.





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Excited after a good play by the football team, the crowd cheers their fellow classmates to victory. Senior **Steve DeJesus** went to almost every game. "I like going to games to cheer on my friends. They need the support of the fans, and I give it to them," **DeJesus** said.

Talking with some friends, junior **Trent Bierman** relaxes at Steak 'n Shake. "We go almost every week," **Bierman** said about the group. Several students choose to go out to eat after games. "It gives us something to do after the games. It's also a place to hang out," added **Bierman**.



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"I go to Starbucks a lot because there is good coffee, good atmosphere, good people working there, and depending on who you go with, good people to talk to," said junior **Ashley Stevens**. **Stevens** and juniors **Laura Matovina** and **Lauren Masso** made shirts that said "Vote for Nader" the night before the election.

Trying to stay on beat, junior **Brandon Donovan** watches the screen for the next step. **Donovsky** went to Schererville Golf Center almost every Friday. "We go on Fridays because that's when everybody hangs out," **Donovsky** said. **Donovsky** began playing Dance Dance Revolution around December 2003.

**Which one of your family members are you closest to?**

**"I am closest to my 30 year old sister because she treats me more like a friend rather than her little sister."**

**-Jessica Shacklett, 11**

**"My favorite family member is my mom because she makes me laugh. She's just like me."**

**-Erin Doherty, 12**

**"My dad is the family member that I am closest to because we play golf and go bowling every weekend."**

**-Adam Vania, 11**

Listening to instructions from her mother, Kay Williams, junior Sarah Williams makes cormel apples at the craft fair in Central Park. Williams was raising money for her girl scout troop. "Our troop uses the money to go on trips over the summer," said Williams.



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After finishing his part along the assembly line, sophomore Andrew Buehler passes the potato on to the next station as his father, Jim Buehler, watches. Andrew and his father worked at the craft fair because Boy Scouts Bay Scout troop ran the craft fair.

"When we play Uno we can all have a good time," said freshman Kristine Rodgers. She and her brothers, junior Andrew Rodgers and senior Aimee Rodgers play Uno together whenever they get a chance. "It gives us a chance to relax and laugh," all three agreed.







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With a little help from his father, Paul Elsner, sophomore **Colt Elsner** places potatoes into a cooker. "The money we raise goes toward equipment for our troop. We also use the money for camping trips and for the craft fair for next year," said Elsner.

Junior **Dana W. Salczynski** watches the movie *Ella Enchanted* with her younger sister, Jenna Salczynski. **Sak zynski** also has an older sister, Kristyn. The sisters enjoy spending time together. "We all have horses so sometimes we go and ride together," Salczynski said.



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## No Place Like Home

Page by: Katya Gershow

Story by: Justine Yeager

"I have an awesome family! Right now I live with my mom, dad, and my little sister Andrea. My older sister, Vicki, moved away in January with her boyfriend, Brian. All of my family members are fun, sweet, considerate, and they help me when I need it. My family and I go on outings around holidays and during the summer sometimes. My family gets really annoying sometimes. I'm a teenager, what do they expect from me? I'm only kidding. My sister bugs me when she's always asking to borrow my belongings.

My family is kind of unique because we fight but we're very close-knit, even with my sister and her boyfriend living six hours away, we still visit and talk on the phone. My family shares season tickets with another family so we get to go to White Sox games a few times every summer. In March, my mom and I went to go see 'The Phantom of the Opera.' It was such a great bonding experience. We spent the whole day shopping and walking around Chicago, even though it rained cats and dogs. My aunt and grandpa live in Wisconsin and we go to visit them sometimes, when we do we go out to eat and just visit with each other.

My family does a lot of stuff together. We share a lot of the same interests. My dad has been running since I was a young child, and I'm sure before that even. Recently he got me hooked on running and we share this liking for beta endorphins every few days, a good bonding experience if I do say so myself. My dad also likes riding his bike. Now, I'm not a big fan of two wheeled vehicles, I'm more of a car girl myself. My sister, Andrea, loves riding bikes with him and they go on forever long bike rides. I'd rather pound the pavement with my Nikes.

Sometimes we don't get along too nice though, we aren't always perfectly happy running and riding our bikes. We fight just like other families do. Maybe my sister thinks I've been on-line too long and it's her turn, or she's been watching the television all day and it's my turn, just your average sibling rivalry. My older sister, Vicki, and I used to give the Hatfields and the McCoys a run for their money with our bickering! Now we get along much better, but maybe that's because she lives in Ohio now.

Despite bickerings, my family has remained really close and tight throughout the years. When my sister gets married, we are all going to be there. When anything ever happens, we are always there for each other, whether it be rooting my dad on during a marathon or me getting a hug for an honor roll report card."



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# Ink & Needles

Page by: Rendra Torresani  
Story by: Ryan Frahm

Tattoos and piercings are a big thing at Griffith High School. You could walk down the halls and see almost everyone have either a tattoo or piercing somewhere on their body. There are all different kinds of tattoos, from tribal signs to fairies. For sophomore **Ryan Frahm**, it's none of those.

"I have two tattoos, they are both on my arms. The tattoo I like the most is the one that stands for The Misfits. It's a picture of their logo, the Crimson Ghost. The Misfits were the first band that made me like punk. I thought it looked alright but I wish I would have got it done professionally. The only thing I don't like about it is that it should be more detailed. It looks exactly like I wanted it, but it's not finished yet. My friend Jason still has to finish it for me.

I haven't got any of my tattoos done professionally. I always have my friend Jason do them for me. He does my tattoos for free, so I figured whatever. He used to be a professional in Bloomington, Illinois. Jason is the one that really talked me into getting the tattoos. I told him I didn't know if I should get them done but Jason thought I really should, so I made my final decision and told him to do it. The only time it hurt was for the first couple of seconds because you don't know what to expect. I was also scared that my mom or dad was going to find out that I got them.

My mom and dad both don't know that I have two tattoos. I think if my mom found out she would freak out. My dad would probably just ask me why I got them and be a little mad at me. I've had my tattoos since July 2003 and they still haven't noticed. When I turn eighteen I will have a lot more tattoos. I want to get them all down my arms. I don't care what people think about my tattoos.

I know the school doesn't care if you have tattoos or piercings, as long as they aren't of naked people or anything like that, not that they could do anything about it. I don't think they are that strict on tattoos because they can't tell you to take them off.

I like tattoos because you can express yourself through art. It can be of someone that you really love or something that you really like. When you get your tattoo done, make sure it's something that you really want because it will be there for the rest of your life, unless you want to spend all that money to get it taken off."



AJ Ollmanns

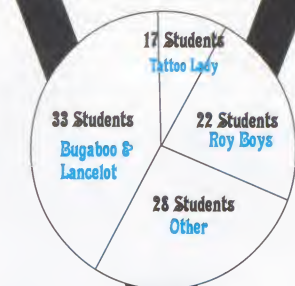
Not only does junior Dayno Johnson have a tattoo on her shoulder she also has many piercings on her body. "I want to get five more piercings and a lot more tattoos," said Johnson. She did most of her piercings herself.

Not like usual students who wait to get their tattoo done when they turn eighteen, junior Timothy GoriBoy got his done with his dad and brother. "I got it done to show I'm really Mexican," said GoriBoy.





## Where'd you get you tattoos or piercings done?



100 students surveyed

Two of the many tattoos that senior Donna Klein has are ones that she drew herself. "I got them done, because they are an old country song that I like," Klein said. Unlike most students that got their tattoos done by a stranger, Klein chose to get hers done by her friend Tony.

Some Griffith students like to tattoos of cartoon characters, like junior Rachel Wright who got the idea for hers from a cheerleading shirt. "Tinkerbell is my idol," said Wright. She got her tattoo for her seventeenth birthday present from her parents.



Kendra Terzariol



Kendra Terzariol

Unlike most students at Griffith who get their tattoos because they like them, junior Louren Morinos got hers for a deeper reason. "I got my tattoo in memory of my mother who had passed away," Morinos said.

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At Franks, senior *Brandon Williams* fixes the plants and makes sure everything is straightened up. *Williams* works up to five days a week. Frank's, a craft store, went out of business this year.



Working at the cash register, senior *Kristen Lamphier* works at Krispy Kremes. "I like working at Krispy Kremes because I get free doughnuts and the people are nice at times," said *Lamphier*.



Jace McMullin



photo provided

"Baseball is something that I really enjoy, so when I don't play, I figured umpiring softball games was the next best thing," junior *Madison Brundage* said. *Brundage* had a lot of fun umpiring over the summer.



# Makin' the Dough

Page by: Adam Vania  
Story by: Arak Ryzak

"Being a cash host is a good job for me, because I make enough money to do what I need. I like my job and we have to wear a uniform, but I don't mind wearing one. I don't have any problems with any of my co-workers; they are very nice people.

There are no benefits there, but I get to choose the hours I want to work. I work normally as a cash host and I make six dollars and twenty-five cents an hour though sometimes I work as a busser. When I work as a busser my salary is fifteen dollars an hour, I would say that I make enough for everything I need as a cash host even though as a busser I make almost nine dollars more an hour. I sometimes hang out with my co-workers outside of work. I spend my money on sound systems for cars. I am saving up for a car. I like having my job because it allows me the freedom to spend what I want on my car. I also think that having a job in high school is good because it teaches responsibilities and you learn the value of a dollar at a younger age. I would recommend to have a job in high school so you can have spending money and not rely on your parents as much. I have also learned to respect waitresses more than I used to before I started to work there, for the job that they do.

My normal work day consists of coming in to work, making the bread, then I checking people in and seating people. I then sell the pies and check people out. As a busser, I vacuum the floor, clean off the tables and help the dish washers. Sometimes I will talk to the customers because they usually ask me about my name. I don't usually have problems with customers, but once in a while the customers will dispute the bill. That is usually the only problem I have. The most bizarre occurrence that has happened during a job for me was I was cleaning off a table and I picked up a glass when the bottom popped off and it sliced through my hand. My hand bled for almost 20 minutes and I almost passed out. I plan on working at Baker's Square for a year before becoming a waiter. Then I plan on going to college and becoming a bartender. I will say one thing, Baker's Square is way better than Applebees."

Jace McMullin



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Putting items on the shelf, junior **Christina** stocks condies for her job at Cardsmart. "I feel really ignored and upset when customers are mean," said **Christina**. She likes when people are polite, it makes her job more enjoyable.

Checking the grounds, seniors **Justin** **Smith** and **Josh** **Wagner** make sure the school is clean and neat on the outside. "It's nice not to drive after school, you get to stay after and hang out until you're off," **Wagner** said.

## Favorite Catchy Slogans



"A great car wash for a great price"

~ **Corey James**, 12

"Save big money at Menards"

~ **Chris Chapa**, 12



# The Lounge

Page by: Kim Palmer  
Story by: Dave Hellen

"The Lounge" began as a question in the spring of 2004. What can we do that's cheap, easy, and doesn't require any energy? Thus, the idea was born, and lounging started off as a hobby, occurring a couple of times every week. The location was **Danny LaBarge's** driveway, and most of the lounges began around eight o'clock. A group of teenagers, mainly seniors, would sit in a circle in various chairs and begin discussing whatever topics came to their head. Sex, drugs, politics, racism, school, religions, sports, other classmates, college, and adulthood were all potential topics on any given night. Food runs were also vital to the success of a lounge, because sitting around and talking for five hours can create empty stomachs. The chairs began as simple lawn chairs, but quickly grew into bigger and more comfortable chairs with each week of summer that passed us by. The 'Loungemaster 3000,' which was purchased at MC Sports by **Kevin Torok** and then by **Brett Newman** was probably the most valuable chair of the lounge. 'The Taliban Song' by Toby Keith and 'I Feel Home' by O.A.R. were the theme songs. As the summer grew on lounging became so much more than just a hobby. It quickly turned into a nightly ritual. Because of the frequency of the lounges new locations were needed at certain times. A few lounges took place at **Joe Wagman's** house, while more lounges were moved to my house, mainly because my fire pit was able to warm the chilly summer that we had.

The lounge did many things for the people who participated. It made them laugh, wonder, reminisce, and they even helped form a couple. Because the majority of the loungers were seniors, this was their last time around at high school. After that final year, the only thing those seniors would be able to carry with them into college and even adulthood would be the memories of those four spectacular years that they spent in high school. And the lounge certainly provided them with plenty to take for the rest of their lives."



Jace McMullin

During her second hour history class, junior **Jessica Koch** tried to get some shut-eye. "I have to get up at five in the morning and be in the water for swimming at 5:45 and I just get pooped out at times," said Koch.



Jace McMullin





While waiting to go back on stage during play rehearsal, sophomore Leah Morton does her make-up. "I have no time and my schedule is so busy, so I just have to put my make-up on during drama so I can go out afterwards," Morton said.

"Drawing is fun and I like to draw things that I see. I also like to make up things about drawing," said freshman Desmond Neylon. During his band class, Neylon enjoys drawing while waiting for the bell to ring.

## Top Five Hobbies of Griffith High School

1) Playing video games

2) Hanging out with friends

3) Doing stuff on the computer

4) Playing Football

5) Swimming

96 students surveyed



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Although most students choose to go home after school, junior Raul Aldape and a few friends including junior Tim Garibay, stay to play hocky sack. "We try to play everyday but sometimes we can't," Aldape said. "I like playing because it's challenging and it makes your hand-eye coordination better."



Jacob McMullin

After finishing their homecoming t-shirts, juniors Andre Rodgers, Laura Solvois, and Justine Yeager celebrate with chips and milk. "We spent the whole night making homecoming t-shirts and when we were done we sat down and just started to hang out," Yeager said.

Getting a few laughs, sophomores **Clay Drake** and **Willy Cardell** act out their skit "Matt Foley: motivational speaker." The act was derived from a Saturday Night Live skit but had to be changed slightly so that it would be more appropriate for school.

Finishing off a glass full of many disgusting things such as toothpaste, sweat, shaving cream, and "blood," senior **Paula Newman** performs her skit "Waterbreak." Throughout the skit, people either spit or put these things into a glass that **Lauren** drank at the end.



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As one half of the duo "Super Dancers," senior **Angel Becbedo** dances in an interesting pair of pants to a variety of songs. **Becbedo** and senior **Justin Adams**, the other half of the pair, were inspired by the dance scene in "American Wedding."

"At first we were just going to do 'I Coulda Lied' but then some people wanted us to do 'Master of Puppets' by Metallica. A lot of people said we couldn't do it so we learned it that day and added it on the end," said junior **Ryan Smith**, who performed in the talent show with freshman **Danny Vengala**.



# Showin' some talent

Page By: Annie Palmer

Story By: Lisa Guzman



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"Weeks before the talent show acts are calling rehearsals, practicing, making sure that everything is perfect. Well.... not my act! My friends and I actually didn't put the act together until the night of the dress rehearsal. The reason for this was that I really didn't want to perform my act any more than I had to. To tell the truth, I couldn't even do it in the audition, because I figured that if I knew what it was going to taste like I was going to freak out at the last minute!"

It was the night of the performance and I was so nervous! I didn't think that I was going to be able to go through with it but I decided that it was just something that I had to do. I just wanted to do something that no one would think I would do. I wanted to end my senior year with something that everyone would talk about. So as the night went on, it became harder and harder for me to tell myself that I had to go through with it. Then my time was up.... it was now or never. As I was back stage, I watched as five of my closest friends walk up and do four absolutely disgusting things to this one glass of water on the table. I could hear the crowd groaning in sickness. It was too late.... I had to go through with it. I heard Julie yell my cue.... "WATERBREAK!" As I stumble out from behind the curtain I hear the crowd screaming. By this time all my adrenaline was pumping and I had no choice. So after staring into the glass, for what seemed like forever, the screams began to grow so I reached for it. Without hesitation, I chugged the whole thing. We actually pulled it off. Everything went perfect and we got the reaction we wanted. Now don't get me wrong, it was about the sickest thing that I had ever drank, but it was well worth it. (Well at least I thought it was!)

I also got to watch a lot of awesome acts. The only thing I was disappointed in was the fact that so few awards were handed out. Even though everyone that was given an award did an awesome job, there were other acts that I thought did just as well. If I had to pick a favorite act it would probably be the duo of Ryan Frahm and Danny Maglish. To me, they were phenomenal. They both have such a wonderful talent and they work very well together.



lyndley Clarkson

"We've been a band for the past three years. We've been doing the talent show forever, just for the love of music," said senior Bresley Glidewell, Glidewell and his band SCW performed two songs at this years talent show.

## Talent Winners

### Best Comedic Performance

"Water Break"

~Ashlee Moses, Dave Melton,  
Julie Cservenak, Charlotte Joseph,  
Andrew McMullin, & Lisa Guzman

### Best Solo

"How Do I Live"

~Mimi Wilczynski

### Best Duo

"Freshmen"

~Julie Cservenak & Charlotte  
Joseph

### Best Band Performance

"Meant To Live" & "So far  
Away"

~SCW

(Rich Lehmann, Matt Beshears,  
Brad Glidewell, Andrew Yaclevik,  
& Amanda Uram)

# Man's Best Friend

Page by: Laura Solivais

Story by: Jeannette Soy

"My favorite kinds of pets are cats and dogs. I really love how cute and cuddly they are. I have a dog named Rocky. Rocky is a three year old black lab. He's very friendly and loves to play and give kisses. It is like he is still a puppy at heart. When I first saw Rocky I said right away that he was the cutest puppy I had ever seen. Once I picked him up I noticed his massive size paws, so I figured that he would probably end up being a big dog when he was full grown. I would never trade Rocky for anything in the world.

I recently got a cat named Jynx. She is black with greenish-yellow eyes. She is three years old and she is very spoiled. She hates being called a cat and has a complex on being called fat. I got her for my sixteenth birthday. My mom knew how much I had wanted a cat and surprised me with Jynx.

Life without pets in the world would be very boring. Pets can be a big responsibility however. But it is very much worth it. Pets can be your best friend. To me, pets are very compassionate creatures. You give them affection and they will protect and love you always.

One thing I hate is when people abuse their pets. Pets are living things too and some people just don't realize that. If they really despise their pets that much they should either sell them or give them to the humane society. They should not abuse them or neglect them. It makes me sad to see pets who are abused. If I could have things my way people who abuse or neglect their pets would not be allowed to even have a pet.

I love pets and I hope that one day every homeless pet will have a home so they can all be loved and taken care of every day just like they deserve."

## What is your favorite kind of pet and why?

"My favorite kind of pet is a llama. I like llamas because I think they are unique and interesting."

—Jovanka Balac, 12

"My favorite pet is my cat because they are low maintenance and you do not have to do anything but feed them, but with a dog you have to walk it and let it outside so it can go to the bathroom."

—Gregory Rucinski, 12

"My favorite kind of pet is a dog because you don't have to deal with cleaning the litter boxes because if you don't clean them frequently they begin to smell."

—Gwen Jones, 11

Senior Sarah Zajac plays with her cockateel cockatiel, Willy. She likes to play with him because he does a lot of interesting things like singing the Andy Griffith song. "He also whistles at me when I leave the room or walk down the stairs," Zajac said.







Jennifer Handley

When it comes to having pets that eat live animals, junior Alex Fieslow is covered. "I like watching them (piranhas) eat live baby mice," Fieslow said. He also feeds them chicken liver, beef hearts, toads, and even newts.

Senior Lisa Gushman plays with her toy poodle, Daisy. "I love her because she's my baby. She waits at the top of the stairs until we come home, and then she'll stick her butt in the air and wag her tail," Gushman said.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley



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While walking his dog in the Homecoming parade, junior Mike McCary walks his dog, Bosco. "He'll be sitting there being nice, then all of a sudden he'll turn bipolar and bite your arm off," McCary said.

Chloe Moes, sophomore, loves to play with her cat, Tiger, because he has a lot of personality and is a fun cat to be around. "[I love him because] he licks bags, he's lazy, and he always makes me happy," Moes said.

# Take My Breath Away

Page by: Doug Abbott  
Story by: Megan Sides

"Every year people in every grade look forward to the winter formal we call Turnabout here at Griffith High School. The one reason is because you don't have to be a junior or senior to attend and you don't have to be asked by one of the older kids. Another reason is that girls don't have to worry about being asked, they do the asking. Turnabout is held by the sophomore class and gives a chance for everyone to dress up and look their best."

"I saw some people all dressed up that I have never even seen wear dresses before," said sophomore Annie Hernandez. For Hernandez, this was her first year attending the dance. For being her first time, she was very impressed with the way the dance was planned. "Turnabout was awesome, everyone said this year was alot better. It was more than I had expected," said Hernandez.

The music was also said to be better as well. This years theme for the dance was "Take My Breath Away" resung by Jessica Simpson.

"The music was good, there was a lot of variety so I never got bored dancing," Hernandez stated. Some people enjoy the music the most, but in Hernandez's case, she enjoyed watching her friend, sophomore Chris Parker get crowned prince.

Even though Turnabout offers a buffet of food to munch on, most groups go out to eat some place after the dance has ended. "After the dance I went with my date (sophomore Andy Wright) and two of my other friends to 'Round the Clock,' said Hernandez, "I can't wait 'til next year's Turnabout comes."



Line dancing to George Strait's "Change in my Pocket," the group of junior and senior girls take part in the fun. "I go to DC's with my friends every weekend," said junior Kendra Terzarial, "so I knew how to do all the line dances." Country line dancing was one of the many varieties of music played.



Leading the line of people to the song "Come on, Ride the Train," sophomores Tiffany Jaster and Kate Kleidon show off their dance skills at the front of the train. "Leading the line was very fun, I love to dance," said Jaster, "the train didn't last very long though."



Taking a break from the fast dances, juniors Kirsten Mathews and Thomas Leister share their first slow dance together. The couple have been dating for two months before deciding to go to Turabout together. "I had a lot of fun with Tom at turnabout," said Mathews, "he was a great date."

## Court Report



### Prince and Princess

Chris Parker & Christina Kireta

### Prince Nominees

Ben Geffert  
Nate Lehmann  
Corey Nash  
Chris Parker  
Dan Woloszyn

### Princess Nominees

Karolina Damski  
Christina Kireta  
Samantha Kulig  
Andrea Naaman  
Jelena Pupac



Keeping up with a popular trend of the year, senior Joe Wagman deals out a hand to a group of seniors playing cards during the dance. "We were hiding the cards in our coats so the bogeys wouldn't catch us, but I won myself seven dollars," said Wagman.

Going over the procedures for the turnabout court nominees, sophomore Bise Garcia prepares with class sponsor David Smith, before announcing. "I was really nervous to announce at first because I don't like to talk in front of people, but once I got started I was fine," said Garcia.

Line dancing to "Sweet Home Alabama," seniors *Ben Dixon* and *Clayd Henson* watch senior *Richard Lehmann*. "I was trying to learn a new way to do the dance," Henson said, "it was like one of the other dances I already knew."

Socializing with some friends, senior *David Wirtman* and *Kevin* talk about what they are going to do after Turnabout. "After Turnabout, I went to 'Round the Clock,'" *Wirtman* said. "When I got done eating, I ended up just going home," added *Wirtman*.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

"After turnabout, my group went to the ESPN zone to eat," freshman *Brooke Miller* said, "we got a V.I.P room; it was a lot of fun." Miller had a great time with her friends. "I love dancing and turnabout was a blast," Miller said.

Junior *Mallory Nellen* holds on to senior *Sarah Ziss* while they dance. "The turnabout dance was great this year," Nellen said. "It was even better after sharing a dance with Sarah," Nellen added.







Lyndley Clarkson



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Lyndley Clarkson

Dancing to the "Electric Slide," sophomores **Molly Dziadoszewicz** and **Christina Kireta** lead the crowd. "I had fun at the dance this year," **Christina** said, "I was dancing the whole night with Christina."

Senior **Karolina Joseph** claps her hands together during the "Cha Cha Slide." "I was doing the Spanish Flamingo," **Joseph** said, "turnabout was the best dance that I have been to yet."

## Which dress goes with which princesses?



A

1. Christina Kireta



B

2. Jelena Pupac



C

3. Andrea Naaman



D

4. Karolina Damski



E

5. Samantha Kutig

answers: 1(d), 2(a), 3(b), 4(a), 5(c)

# It's the Holiday Season

Page By: Mimi Wilczynski

Story By: Stephen Bakko

Do you have a favorite holiday? Maybe you like the cold snow of winter during the Christmas season, or maybe you like the crisp breeze, and changing leaves of fall during Thanksgiving. At school students really don't get anything special for the holidays. Usually a teacher will give us extra credit for doing fun worksheets. We also get free days to do whatever we want. I have to say my favorite holidays are Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter because I go visit my family in Wisconsin at my grandma's house.

For Thanksgiving, I have a huge turkey dinner with my family. My cousins and I play football outside with my uncle. This past year for Thanksgiving, I went to the Walworth County Fair and saw Clint Black perform live at the festival. After everybody leaves to go home, my cousins and I always rent a movie and eat popcorn (or we find any kind of junk food from around the house).

When Christmas comes around, my family has an enormous ham dinner. We watch the Green Bay Packer football game or watch basketball. If basketball isn't on, we watch any sports game we can find. After dinner is over, my cousins and I play Madden 2005, MVP 2005, or we play ESPN NBA 2005. Then for dessert, we usually have apple pie or lemon creme pie. Afterwards, with the money I received from Christmas, I go to a sports store and buy Green Bay Packer shirts or jerseys, which Chicago doesn't have.

On Easter Sunday, my whole family goes to church, then afterwards, we go hunting for Easter eggs. When we get home, my family watches the Milwaukee Brewer games, or we watch any sports game that we can find. My family really doesn't usually do a lot of things on Easter, because we are only in Wisconsin for one weekend.

I look forward to going up to my grandma's to visit her and my relatives. This is what my family enjoys doing during the holidays. When I am with family, that's when I feel that I can just be myself.



Doug Allright

Celebrating a Christmas party at seniors *Wendy* and *Brett Hill*'s house, seniors *Michelle Miller* and *Lindsey Dudley* open their presents. "We pulled names out of a hat and did a secret santa gift exchange," *Miller* said. "It was a lot of fun to spend Christmas with all of my closest friends," added *Dudley*.

Waiting for the count down on New Year's Eve, seniors *Frederick Silbert* and *Claudia Dumort* pass the time by playing cards with a few friends. "We were at *Joe's* house for about five hours," *Silbert* said, "his mom served us delicious chicken wings, and I ate about 10 of them."



Jennifer Handley



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Pulling a prank during Panther Press, senior Brian Reanski celebrates the first day of a new month, April Fools Day. "I pretended that my nose was bleeding, and it was making me shaky and weak," Reanski said. Reanski pulled this prank on eight teachers, who all quickly sent him down to the nurse.

Reading a magazine in Julie Wendloff's, science, earth space science class, sophomore Brian Abbott lets his Irish heritage show. "I wore this shirt, because it made me look cute," Abbott said. By wearing green, he neglected getting pinched on St. Patrick's Day.



Brad Popo

Senior Amy Parker and junior Lindsey Salaczynski put the final touches on their Mardi Gras float for Ricky Baron's, French, French III class. The group, who also consisted of Nicole Kubacki and Emily Cufko, won best float with their theme of "A Night of the Belagio."



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**According to Roman mythology, Cupid was the son of Venus, the goddess of love and beauty.**

**In 1953, it took 27 hours to create a Marshmellow Peep. Today it takes six minutes.**

**\$698,000 is the dollar value of U.S. flag exports. Mexico was the leading customer, purchasing \$131,000 worth.**

**The first Jack-o-lanterns were carved from turnips, not pumpkins.**

**The current world record for giant pumpkins is 1140 pounds.**

**In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday.**

**Artificial Christmas trees have out sold real ones since 1991.**

# Bigger than everything

Page by: Leila Beratto  
Story by: Alan Rus

"It comes just once a year, but is easily the most anticipated event of the school year. It is bigger than Homecoming and is planned longer for than Turnabout. It is the annual Junior-Senior Prom, which was held on May 6th 2005. Even though it is only a five-hours event, months have been spent planning for it. For the girls, dresses had to be perfect, not to mention their hair and nails. Then there were the tuxedos, flowers, and the transportation issues affecting the guys. Then, when everything was as perfect as humanly possible, picture time came. As usual, pictures were being snapped hours before the actual dance, with many choosing to go to Central Park for individual, couple, or group shots.

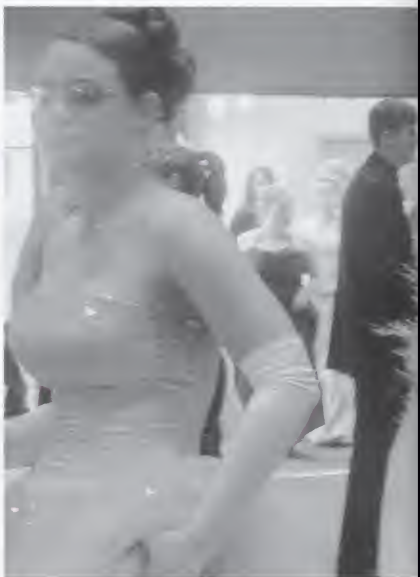
This year, like last year, Prom was held at the Halls of Saint George in Schererville. The cost for a couple was \$84 and single ticket was \$42. In a spring-like fashion, the colors were yellow, aqua, and lime-green with a silver accent. Even though the theme was "At Last," Prom king Colby Lamb and queen Caitlin Terpstra were crowned under the song "I Melt" by Rascal Flatts. During the dance, dinner was served and music was danced to. Some students complained that the DJ wasn't as good as last year, but it should be known that while the DJ makes the dance, it is the date that makes the night. After the dance ended, many couples went out for the night, some going to restaurants, such as Bakers Square or Hard Rock Cafe, while others went to friend's houses for the night. The fun continued into the next day for many. Some couples and groups spent the day at Six Flags in Illinois or at other amusement parks, such as Indiana Beach.

Even though Prom is now over, there is at least one thing that can be said about it, no matter what you or your group decides. Prom is an unforgettable experience. Even though it costs a lot of money, it is well worth it and should be experienced by all."



Ashley Cogdill

Waiting for the dance to start after she ate dinner, senior Nicole Rodgers talks with a friend. "I had a lot of fun dancing with all my friends and going to a cruise ship afterwards. Prom and the cruise was the highlight of my senior year," said Rodgers.







Doug Abbott

Prom is a great occasion to show your grooving abilities. Keeping the beat, sophomore *Alex Loureiro* and senior *Maria Melita* dance the train. "It was really fun, until people started to break it up!" said Loureiro who was one of the few sophomores invited to the dance.



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Putting on the last touch of make up, junior *Melita Melita* is getting ready for the dance. She went to get her hair and her nails professionally done which took more than two hours to be finished. "It was great, I love dancing," said *Gale*. The junior was part of the prom court.

## What were your after Prom plans?

"We rented a cabin at Eacocon Lake. Everyone spent the night, partied and had a good time."

—*Lauren Marinos, 11*

"I went camping at the Indiana Dunes. It was a lot of fun stuff. Most people took an hour to set up the tents."

—*Kevin Torok, 12*

"The night of Prom, we went to Steak 'n Shake because we missed our exit to Chicago. The day after, we went to Michigan and stayed in a rented cabin."

—*Samantha Kulig, 10*

"I went to Six Flags. We went riding roller coasters. I met a bunch of other people there and we ate a lot of food."

—*Andre Rodgers, 11*



Ashley Cappelli



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Passing the gates, juniors *Nicole Kubacki* and *Kristen Uhl* arrive to the Halls of Saint George. "It was my first Prom," said *Kubacki*. "It was really exciting and fun to get all dressed up!" The girls came to the dance in a rented limousine with some other friends and their dates.

Having some fun, seniors *Angeli Escobedo* and *Santiago Adams* pose for a picture during the parents' photo hour. "It's our last Prom, we wanted to go out with a bang!" said *Escobedo*. "We wanted to be legends," added *Adams*. The two friends arrived at the dance on a motorcycle.

Imitating a genie in a bottle, senior Kyle Young shows off his moves for a group of girls that are trying to copy him on the dance floor. Young attended the dance with fellow senior friend *Erin Doherty*.



Ashley Cogdill

Showing some leg before the dance, a group of girls pose for a harder shot. Friends got together to take group pictures before they left for the hall. This particular group consisted of twenty-two people.



Ashley Cogdill

Seniors Richard Lehmann and Kevin Falick greet each other at the dance at The Halls of St. George. Parents are allowed to come to the hall for one hour to take pictures of all the kids with their dates and friends. It also gives everyone a chance to talk before parting for dinner.

Taking turns showing off their dancing skills for the crowd, junior Andre Rodgers jumps in the circle during his turn to shake his groove thing. During the dance, everyone usually forms a circle for people to dance in the middle of while they get cheered on.



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Making sure she doesn't poke herself or her date, junior *Emily Cutko* carefully pins the boutonier on junior *Arek Ryzak*. Cutko and Ryzak went as friends this year with some of their close friends.



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Ashley Cogoli

## We have a King and Queen "At Last"



Colby Lamb

Mallory Gatlin



Brandon Pollard

Lauren Marinos



Caitlin Terpstra

Matt Nollman



Drew Rogowski

Sidney Goveert



Brandon Veronesi

Renee Cabrera



Doug Abbott

Senior *Scott Hoadley* and Sue Patrick, English, discuss plans for the summer and about Patrick's house for sale. *Hoadley* said, "Mrs. Patrick was a great English teacher and I hope she'll be happy no matter what she does now."

"I can't believe that we graduated! I'm really going to miss everyone. It's definitely a relief that I'm done, but college is next and it'll be even better," said senior *Brandon Miller*. *Miller* talks with seniors *Zach Hendry* and *Jasen Gilge* before the ceremony begins.

Being the Senior Class President, senior *Jeff Cservenjak* was asked to give a speech during the graduation ceremony. *Cservenjak* gave the final of the three speeches. The valedictorian, senior *Matthew Mellon*, and the salutatorian, senior *Joy Madley*, also gave speeches during the commencement ceremony.



Ashley Cogdill



Doug Abbott

Waiting to be called to line, the seniors hung out in the field house before they were escorted to the main gym. In recent years, the graduation was held at the Halls of St. George due to construction, but 2004 was the first class to graduate from the high school since 2000.

With graduation only minutes away, seniors *Nolan Swanson* and *Kristen Schultz* take the time for one last kiss as high school seniors. The couple have been dating for three years. "Graduation was really nice. It ended my experience from Griffith well," said *Schultz*.





# Panther Pride

Page by: Doug Abbott  
Story by: Caitlin Duley

It all starts the night of Senior Banquet. Senior Ditch Day is the day after the banquet and you party non stop well after graduation has ended. Filled with anxious excitement, the last few weeks of school seemed like they would never end. Finally when the senior's last day came along, the air swelled with mixed emotions of happiness and sadness. Being a senior comes with the privilege of getting out of classes a few days early, the administration holds a cookout open only to seniors in the courtyard, and on the last day, seniors are allowed to get out of school as soon as the class picture has been taken and rehearsal for the ceremony is over. The next few days are usually spent at the beach, the mall, hanging out with friends and partying, and just having a good time.

As I was walking up to field the house, only an hour away from being a certified graduate, feelings of sadness, happiness, and dread begin to consume me. As much as I was ready for it, and as hard as I worked to get exactly where I was about to be, I realized that I would never be back in the halls of Griffith High School again. The place I had gone to 180 days a year for four years was no longer one that I could call mine. As teachers call out names for everyone to get in line, my stomach turns into butterflies and I know it's time. I walk out into the gym with proud parents and family members clapping and screaming for their children. Speeches are given and everyone sits patiently waiting for their turn to walk up and shake hands with the man that has now given you your freedom from high school. Being handed my diploma was one of the more amazing things I've experienced in my lifetime. It's a great feeling and sense of accomplishment to have graduated from high school.



Doug Abbott

Thinking that it may be the last time that they get to hang out together, seniors Elissa Hiedler, Elise Dixon, Sam Barlow, and Wendi Holmes all discuss what they're going to do after graduation. "I'm going to Purdue Calumet in the fall, but I'm not sure just what I'm going for yet," said Holmes.

"Ecan is a hard class, but if you work hard, you'll get good grades," senior Brittany Miller said. Economics, as well as government, is a required class for students to graduate from high school.

With sugar in their system, juniors Nicole Kubacki and Joy Helfen got a case of the giggles in AP biology. AP Biology had many labs that allowed a hands on feel of the subject. "It was the best sugar I'd ever had," Kubacki said.



lyndley Clarkson

Cheering on a fellow classmate, junior Tim Garibay was moved to stand to his feet during a math basketball game. "I got really into the game. We all had a real great time. It was a lot of fun," Garibay said. Math basketball is played as a review game in same of Marilyn Brunk's classes.

During classes on Fridays before home football games, some students were allowed to paint the football field. "Painting the field was my way of showing school spirit. I did it every time," junior Bobby Bridgroom said.



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# Brainiacs

## tell their story

"If I feel strongly or passionately about a topic that affects me or I can relate to it, then I'll argue as much as I can. It depends on the topic."

~Mike McCravy, 11

"I like being involved in a lot of different things so I don't just sit around and do nothing."

~Rosie Sendejas, 12

"I usually study before a test, but it always depends on how much the test is worth. If it's a big test, I'll study more, but if it's just a small test, I won't study as much."

~Corey Henson, 9

"Working, going to school, and being in activities is hard to balance. I have no social life because everything takes up so much time that I don't get to hang out with my friends a lot."

~Nicole Kubacki, 11

"I always get distracted when I have a lot of my friends in the class. We end up talking and getting yelled at."

~Elise Garcia, 10

"A lot of things make me laugh, but I kind of have a dark humor about me. I like weird shows with weird meanings."

~Jeff Martin, 12

"When you know you have something due, and you have a million other things on your mind, you get it done anyway and you have such a sense of accomplishment, it's worth it."

~Trisha Brumley, 10

"In physics, people normally try to sneak out of the room at the end of the hour to try to get to lunch early."

~Brett Newman, 12

"My favorite elective is advanced physical conditioning. You get to work out, listen to music, and hang out with friends."

~Kyle Palanca, 10

"Spanish is the second most common language in America and we already have that at Griffith, so that's all we really need to offer."

~Lauren Marinos, 11



When we  
study



Doug Abbott

Sydney Clarkson

On an ACES field trip, senior Dan Gadberrly waits for the demonstration to begin at the cheesecake factory in Chicago. "We got a free piece of cheesecake, so it was worth the trip. It was cool," Gadberrly said.

Standing together, juniors **Eryn Moore** and **Adam Brenner** are both very happy that they won a medal for Science Olympiad. They are glad all their hard work payed off.



Jordan Bruno

The Science Olympiad team poses for a picture with their trophy after they won. "I have a chance outside of school to compete with the skills that I have and it's a lot of fun," junior **Nick Keep** said.

# Go for the Gold!

Page by: **Katya Gordeeva**  
Story by: **Evan Hixon**

"It's human nature to want to compete in an area where that person excels. For many high school students that area of expertise is academic competition. Academic competitions are tests of both minds, the intellectual mind that memorizes facts, dates, and answers questions, and the creative mind that makes split second decisions and comes up with alternatives on the fly. Both these aspects of the brain are tested to their fullest during competition, and victory is the result of fine-tuned training, devotion, and dedication.

These competitions bring out the best and most skilled students from high schools across the nation, all of them having the same simple goal of victory. These competitions are like any other, our goal is to do better than the competition. This is no different from any other sport or competition.

However, they tend to have much deeper and personal meanings.

To me, an academic competition is a chance to prove myself among others. They are a good opportunity to improve myself and my abilities. They are not so much a competition against others as they are against myself. They represent a chance to constantly prove that I can best my own limits as well as best another person's abilities. Most of these competitions have a very unique feel. Although one large team competes, many smaller teams compete in different events, much like the Olympic competitions. This brings me more of a sense of team unity with the people I am working with, allowing me to connect on a much more direct basis.

These events are the pinnacle of months of training, late hours, lost sleep, hard work, and devotion. Yet to me all of this work pays off when for those few sweet days of competition. Those few nerve-racking days when all the training and skill are put to the test are some of the best I will ever have."

"To me, an academic competition is a chance to prove myself."

At fine arts practice, freshman **Fitzgerald** studies. "Doing academic super bowl is challenging," Fitzgerald said, "you get to learn a lot of things you wouldn't know about."



# Competitions

**Why do you like being in academic competitions?**

**"It's a lot of hard work but it's really fun. I like competing against others schools to show how smart I am."**

**~ Jessica Koch, 11**



Jordan Bruno



Jordan Bruno



Jordan Bruno



Jordan Bruno

Senior *Mimi Wilczyski* sings a solo for ISSMA. "I was nervous when I first went to sing. After standing up there for a while, I wasn't as nervous," *Wilczyski* said.

At an academic competition practice, sophomore *Matt Aubrey* studies. He dedicates himself to the competition by spending his time after school practicing for it.

**Do you think extra activities get in the way of grades?**



**No, the activities I do help boost my grades because I have fun and learn from them.**

**~ Veronica Cook, 12**

**No, because my cheerleading doesn't have many practices and I still have time for my homework.**

**~ Sam Kulig, 10**



Jennifer Handley

Reviewing for her final, junior Rachel Escobedo fills in her review guide.

Luann Morgan, history, gave all her classes most of the week before finals to study and review.

With finals on her mind, junior Emily Cutko studies in Luann Morgan's, history, class. "I got a lot of my studying done in class, so I didn't have much to do at home," said Cutko.



Jennifer Handley

Waiting for her Internet article to print, *Yvonne* stands in the library. "Miss Jensen gave us time during class periods to research for our project," said *Yvonne*.

In Martha Davis', science, class, sophomore *Ida* helps junior Julie Miranda study for their final. They had two class periods to review and ask any last questions they had before the test.



Jennifer Handley

## Over the Top

Story by: Jessica Koch  
Page by: Ashley McDonald

"I might be a bit of an over-achiever. For starters, I have good grades. I haven't gotten a C in a very long time. I am also in a lot of extra-curricular activities. I have been in Science Olympiad for five years, and I really enjoy it. It is held at Indiana University Northwest and all the schools compete in different events. It's fun to see what we rank compared to other schools.

I am in many sports. I have been playing soccer since I was seven years old and now I am on the varsity soccer team. My freshman year, I was awarded most improved for soccer. I have also been in track for six years. My

freshman year I was picked for most improved. My sophomore year, I qualified for regionals. I have only been in swimming

for two years, but I was the rookie of the year and qualified for sectionals.

Since I was a freshman, I have been in Class Council. I enjoy helping to make decisions that have to do with my classmates. I have been in choir since I was in fourth grade.

Even though I have accomplished a lot, I still have time for friends, boyfriends, and just time for me to relax. I think of an over-achiever as a person dedicated to anything that they do. If you are an over-achiever you never leave something unfinished and always try your best."

"An over-achiever is a person dedicated to anything that they do."

"I was working on my physics lab and we were trying to find centripetal force and acceleration," said senior *Ashley* Tolson. Jane Villaraman, science, let her classes go various places in the school to work on their lab.

Jennifer Handley

# Studying Hard!

Page by: Lauren Becze  
Story by: Suzanne Dodson

"This was my first year coming to Griffith High School. Griffith is a lot different from my old school because I have to juggle a lot more things here than I had to in my old town. It is hard trying work at my job, go to school, have a social life, and just keeping up with everything, and having time to study. I do my homework every day, but sometimes I accidentally forget about it. When those days come I try to hurry and do my homework before the class hour starts.

Griffith is a harder school than my old school. At my old school I had straight A's, but now coming here I get A's and B's on my report card. There are also a lot of distractions in all of my classes. So, it is very hard to study in my class with all my friends being in them.

Working has also become a big hurdle to

jump over when it comes to my studying. My schedule for Dairy Queen changes every week, which makes it hard for me to arrange my days

around test and finals because I work with other students from everywhere from Griffith, to Highland, and even Morton. Although in the Winter DQ (Dairy Queen) closes at nine, in the spring it is open till eleven, so it makes it hard to do all my homework, but somehow I manage to do it.

When it comes to studying I try my best to do everything I have to, to get a good grade point average.

I even have to stay up late some nights to study. I do all my homework, and study for tests. Hopefully all of this time I use to study will pay off. I hope that I can get into a good college, and maybe I could eventually move to Montana. Where I want to start out my life and live successfully."

"Griffith is a  
harder school  
than my old  
school."

Working hard on a precalculus assignment, junior Kristen Mathews does her homework in attempt to memorize the material. "I study for precalculus a lot, and I always do my homework to help me learn it," Mathews said.



Lyndley Clarkson





To take time off of studying, sophomore Curt Konopasek throws the balloon toward junior Andrew Bailey while playing balloon volleyball during their Chemistry class. "It was fun," Konopasek said, "we even got Mrs. Davis to play."



Lauren Bezze



Lauren Bezze

Working on computers is a normal thing for senior Greg Rudinski to do. Rudinski tried to finish his column for the newspaper deadline before the end of the school day.

Taking a nap during her Spanish class, junior Melissa Kuzmanoff rests before doing her homework. "I have to juggle school and work, so it is hard to get a good night's sleep," Kuzmanoff said.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lauren Bezze

Writing on essay for his English class, junior Trevor Wood concentrates hard on his assignment. "Miss Kraika gives us a lot of work, but I always try to get it done in class so I don't have to bring anything home," Wood said.

## Do you study for tests?

**"I never have a chance to study for tests because of work, but I study during the time that my teachers give us in class"**

**~ Jaimie Scholte, II**

**"I study before the class and before the test, but other than that I don't have a chance to."**

**~ Brandon Archer, IO**

Holding up her head, senior **Lauren** tries to do her homework after school. "I was finishing my homework before our swim meet," **Lauren** said. **Lauren** is currently a breast stroker and practices 11 times a week.

Juniors **Arak Sygel** and **Lauren** warm up their voices in the Munster auditorium. **Arak**'s group sang "Red, Red Rose" and placed 2nd. "We were a half a point away from a 1st," **Arak** said. "It was a fun experience."



Lyndley Clarkson



## Did You Know...

**Eskimos never gamble.**

The average American family views television six hours each day. Most humans can guess someone's sex with 95% accuracy just by smelling their breath.

Grapes explode when you put them in the microwave.

33% of dog owners admit that they talk to their dogs on the phone or leave messages on an answering machine while away.

In the USA, more toilets flush at the half time of the Super Bowl than at any other time of the year.

Bruce was the nickname of the mechanical shark used in the "Jaws" movies.

50% of people admit they regularly sneak food into the movie theaters to avoid the high prices of snack foods.

58% of people have called into work sick when they weren't.

2/3 of people speed up at a yellow light.



# So much to do... so little time!

Page by: Mimi Wilczynski  
Story by: Joe Wagman

"I am what people like to call a procrastinator. I know that it is better to get everything done while you still have time, but there is no drive in me to get things done. I have no motivation for any school function anymore, such as projects, assignments, or studying for tests. I live each day the same way, doing pretty much the same thing. The only thing that changes is the sports I play. I go from soccer in the fall to baseball in the spring and summer, and I play football throughout the year with my friends.

Each school day gets more boring than the last, no matter what my teachers have on their agenda. The worst part of it all is that I pay the least amount of attention in the classes where I should pay the most.

After school, I either go to work at the school or at McDonald's. Having two jobs is rough, but it does have some advantages.

Work at the school isn't really work at all.

Much of the time I go on pickups, which is where I go outside and pick up garbage, but I don't really pick up garbage. I either bury it in the snow, which is not good because when the snow melts, or I just walk right by it. The only real work that I do is shoveling snow in the winter, or delivering packages to teachers. Work at McDonald's is the same. I

walk around in the back and do pretty much whatever I feel like. There are certain jobs that I'm supposed to do, but I can get those done in a few hours, which leaves about six hours for me to do absolutely nothing. There is one benefit about having two jobs, and that is getting two paychecks."

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Bored to death, junior **David Lee** anxiously awaits for play rehearsal to start. "We have rehearsal every day," **Lee** said, "but I only go to the practices that involve me." **Lee** was in play his freshman year, and now his junior year as well.

Working hard, junior **Anthony Green** sits at work, and schedules appointments. "I work three days a week, 4-9," **Green** said. For the past eight months, **Green** has been working at Salon Delux.

Thinking hard, senior **Alissa Bays** finishes her biology homework in class. "If I finished I wouldn't have any homework over the weekend," **Bays** said. "The band class get Fridays off if they're good for the overall week," **Bays** added.

## Distracting Activities

The most distracting classroom disruption is...

"...people talking and being loud." ~ Andrew Anderson, 9

"...people who think they're funny but aren't, and that keep making jokes." ~ Jordynn Tibbs, 9

"...when people tap puntos on their desk. It really annoys me." ~ Matthew Aubrey, 10

"...being tired and falling asleep because everything is so boring." ~ Leah Morton, 10

"...Trent Bierman." ~ Arek Ryzak, 11

"...Ignorant comments." ~ Erin Ally, 11

"...people talking about their day or weekend." ~ Joseph Ferguson, 12

"...people who won't shut up and start fights." ~ Jessica Beemsterboer, 12



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Being her own distraction, Katherine Martinez throws candy for students to catch. "Miss Bannan didn't bring candy for Mexican Independence Day, so I was sharing with her class," said Martinez.

Pulling freshman Andrew Anderson out of class, junior *Andrew Anderson* snaps a mug shot. "I understand how it can be distracting by pulling people out of class because it can take away from valuable class time," said Mandley.





As she passes out puntos for Katherine Martinez, Spanish, junior *Martinez* gets distracted while looking at the colored sticks used for puntos. Both Spanish teachers at GHS use puntos as participation points.

Playing cards in their free time, juniors *Clark* and *Clark* attempt to pass time in their 3<sup>rd</sup> hour pre-calculus class. Time off was given to the class towards the end of the period.

Distracting himself, junior *Cogdill* spreads lotion on his hands during 6<sup>th</sup> hour photography. Talking and goofing around was *Cogdill*'s way of avoiding classwork.



Sydney Clarkson



Ashley Cogdill

## Dreadful Distractions!

Page By: Ashley Cogdill  
Story By: Liz Gollner

"Distractions. They're everywhere and there's nothing you can do about them. They bother you in class, annoy you when you're trying to do your homework and pick away at your concentration when you're trying to finish that all-important note.

I find that excessively loud talking is one of the greatest distractions. No one, especially the kid on the other side of the class, wants to hear about your "wild" weekend. When you're talking to the person next to you, there is absolutely no need to shout and run the risk of damaging your peers' eardrums. Maybe you like to listen to loud music, or maybe you went to a loud concert on the weekend. That doesn't mean you need to shout so you can hear yourself speak.

Loud talkers are distracting in many ways. they may prevent a teacher from teaching the class by talking louder than the teacher or not

shutting up. They also serve as a distraction by talking as loudly as possible when the rest of the class is quietly talking.

Imagine yourself in this situation: You're

quietly working on a test, confident you're getting every question right, when the grating and screeching voice of the person three rows from you breaks in. Their complaints about their boyfriend or their moans about the bio test only serve to you as a distraction. You end up getting annoyed and bombing the test.

I'm sure all of you have been in this sort of situation and I'm afraid

there's not much you can do about it. You can ask to move farther away from the cause of the noise or learn to zone out the chatter. These are not the best solutions though, for they only reduce the chatter to a varying degree. The best solution might just be to equip yourself with a pair of earplugs."

"They're everywhere and there's nothing you can do about them."

Sydney Clarkson

Being bored with school, junior **Kyrr Bolek** plays with his pen during his history class with Luann Morgan, history. "I was just bored, it's something to do," said Bolek.

Playing a game of mock football in the hallway, junior **Trent Breiman** and senior **Joe Wignall** get into their position. "Having the perfect form is the key to successful football," said Wignall.

Without a thought of finals, juniors **Jessica Wenger** and **Jessica Wacziarg** goof off in their chemistry class the day before finals. Study guides were given, but the two girls had already looked them over.



Jennifer Hamilton



Jennifer Hamilton



## Clowny Quotes



"You mean, you weren't born like that?"

~ Audrey Tolson, 12



"Smurfs are blue."

~ Chris Parker, 10

# Creating Smiles, One Clown at a time

Page By: Ashley Cogdill  
Story By: Julie Czervanek

"Class Clowns" are basically just another one of the classic labels one hears in high school. It does not take much to be a class clown. The basic abilities to be annoying, loud, have an overall understanding of economics, and to occasionally make a clever remark are all that it takes.

I have had humorous tendencies since I was very young. I cannot even remember when I first started to be a goof ball. I believe it began when I learned to make fun of myself, which might I add, is not difficult. I found it to be so much easier to live and laugh at my imperfections than to get upset with myself. The less serious I am, in most cases, the more fun I will accomplish.

The first prank that I can remember pulling was when I was in the first grade. It was art class and I not only managed to urinate on

myself, but also all over the floor. I, of course, meant to do this. It was hilarious and everyone wanted to be my friend after that. And why would they not? Everyone knows that it is cool to pee your pants.

In most cases, I do not necessarily disrupt class. Generally, if any of my teachers do not like me, I would not say that it is on account of myself trying to act stupid. I only interrupt in class if I believe it is absolutely deemed necessary. An example of this would be if I were sitting in my precalculus class and a mouse runs out

into the hallway. That would be positively a call for utter chaos of all kinds.

I do not honestly consider myself to be funny, except for maybe two percent of the time. However, if laughing a lot and enjoying the silly little quirks that others, as well as myself, have is considered being a class clown, well then I guess I am Alan Greenspan?"

"The first  
prank I pulled  
was in 1<sup>st</sup>  
grade."



Jennifer Handley

Imitating a handshake, juniors Crystal Corderie and Morgan Stevens kill time in literature class. "We were just goofing off," said Corderie.

Hanging out in textiles with Morgie Keithly, family and consumer sciences, senior Allison Tolson plays with a troll doll. The troll doll was part of a keychain that Tolson carries with her.

Helping sophomore **Michelle Connor** work through a difficult problem, Michelle Connor, business, uses her patience and teaching skills during her accounting class. "I enjoy helping students," Connor said.



Lyndley Clarkson



## Making the Choice

Story By: Jacob Gee  
Page By: Leila Beratto and  
Rachel Convery

"My favorite classes in school are the electives. I like electives because I can take any class that interests me. The only class I take now which is not a required class is located at the area Career Center in Hammond. The area Career Center is a great place to attend because all of the classes are aimed at certain trades or skills and you can get certified with some of them through the school. Though, unfortunately, some of the classes seem more useful than others, any student will have fun because they can select the class that they actually enjoy. One thing I do dislike about school classes are the English classes that they force you to take every year during high school. I can understand taking English for maybe even three years, but four!? The last year, our senior year, of English is supposed

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choice..."

to be on British literature. Also, if we must learn the history of British literature why do we not learn it before we learn about American literature?

American literature is supposed to be influenced by British literature. So when, in third year English, do we hear and discuss writers whose writings were vastly influenced by British writers which we students have not even learned about yet. Luckily, students can choose what classes they want and those students can actually select classes in a logical order unlike the

order which the school has laid out for us. With electives the school makes it seem like we students actually have a large choice in our classes, but many do not realize how little our choices actually are. Those who wish to graduate with academic honors are also given a choice, but it is more limited than those students who just want to graduate with a high school diploma."





In creative stitchery class, junior **Lyndley Clarkson** puts final touches on her final project. "I think it's fun and it's something that I am good at, too. Another thing I like is that it isn't book work," **Lyndley** said.



Lyndley Clarkson

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For a final project in Marge Keithley's, family and consumer sciences, creative stitchery class, sophomore **Kristina Mabe** fixes her project by taking out the stitches on her project.

Working on a jewelry project, senior **Bobby Rockwell** polishes a ring in Jim Graff's, art, class. For their finals, the jewelry students had to do a "copper enameling" which consists of glazing a piece of metal.



Lyndley Clarkson

## Electing the Electives



"I like to sing in the choir. It's more fun than other classes, there is always something new to do."  
Allison Hancher, 9



"With cadet teaching, I can have experience dealing with younger kids in case I want to be a teacher. I like it because I get to hang out with 6th graders."  
Brad Connell, 12

I enjoy Spanish 'cause I'm learning something I may actually use."  
Chris Parker, 10



Waiting patiently for his turn to come, sophomore **Lyndley Clarkson** enjoys his freshmen boys choir class, the Choraloires. "I like choir. You get to sing and you don't do any work," said **Lyndley**.

Lyndley Clarkson

## Foreign Phrases

"El classes des Espanol es interesantes"  
("Spanish class is interesting")

— Ben Hancock, 11



"Comment t'appelles tu?"  
("What's your name?")

— Kerl Markut, 9



Jennifer Hanley

Senior *Kyle Young* is reviewing on the board for the Spanish I final in Katherine Bonnan's Spanish class. "Never try to learn Spanish and French at the same time, you'll always get the languages mixed up," said *Young*.

Asking a question in Katherine Martinez's Spanish II class is sophomore *Amber Dethier*. "Spanish is okay, it's kinda hard though," said *Dethier*, "you have to work a lot."



Ricky Baron, French, had all of the French III classes take an oral exam. "The oral part of the exam was okay, but the written part was impossible," said senior Audrey Tellez.

Freshman Crystal Blue reviews on the board in Katherine Bonnan's, Spanish, class for the Spanish I final. "It was easy. I didn't study at all for any of my finals," said Blue.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

...tutors and Crystal Blue study for their final in Ricky Baron's, French, French III class. The final was the most difficult test of the semester for Cukka. "It made my skin crawl how hard the test was," Cukka said.

Jennifer Handley

# French Fried

Story by: Troyce Wachtstetter  
Page by: Adam Vania

French II is the level of French I am taking. I don't know any other languages but I try to learn German and Spanish. Verb conjugation is not a hard part of learning the French language. The French projects we do in class are the fun parts. We do a project on each chapter. The projects we have done are: a christmas card, cooking food, and a poster of a city. My favorite project was cooking the food, my group and I made roast lamb and, we brought it in for the class to eat and told them that it was roast beef. We told them it was roast beef so that they would try it. Then after the people had eaten it we told them that it was roast lamb and not roast beef. The French language is not very hard and the thing I like most is making up sentences so that no one will know what they mean. My favorite French sentence would have to be "Je m'appelle Santa Clause et j'ai huit cent ans". That mean my name is Santa Clause and I am eight hundred years old. I

work hard on the projects because they are fun. I am planning on continuing to French III because I am trying for my academic honors diploma. Right now I have an A minus going in French. I am a junior and will graduate in two thousand and six. I think that French is very easy as long as you pay attention. I can understand some French but I can't speak or write any French. I think that French is a very helpful language to learn. I think that the funniest thing that ever happened in French class would have to be the time my friend DJ Salmon called Mr. Baron over and said that I told him to "foul le camp" and he asked what that meant. Then Mr. Baron got upset. I think that the smartest person in French would probably be me and the next smartest would have to be DJ Salmon. Also the homework Mr. Baron gives us is never very hard, but the tests are impossible. The tests are the hardest part of French class. Also Mr. Baron teaches a lot differently than Mrs. Naranjo did.

"My Favorite project in French II was cooking the food, my group and I made roast lamb"

Jennifer Handley

## Need Help?

Have a big deadline, but need help??

Here are some tips!

- Make sure you have all of your info ready!
- You need food. Popcorn is helpful!
- Try not to procrastinate!
- Be structured, it always helps!
- Don't get distracted, that's never good
- Never get down and know you can do it!
- Make sure you're having fun too!

A lot of work comes with deadlines.

Newsprint Editor, junior, knows that while she's going through books to make hers. It's not always easy, but it still has to get done.



Jennifer Handley

Some deadlines are very important to the school; newspaper for example. "The deadlines aren't that bad. We have to stay late sometimes but Newspaper is worth it and it's a lot of fun," sophomore *Elise-Jane* said.

Even though deadlines are serious subjects, there has to be time to talk and laugh, as junior *Drew Kargawski* is showing us. "You have to have fun while you're working or else you get all stressed out and then it's bad," said *Rogawski*.





# Time's Up!

Page by: Darci Lopez  
Story by: Emily Cutka

Every other Wednesday you can find a group of hard working, dedicated, intelligent high school students, diligently working on the upcoming issue of The Panther Press. This process should run rather smoothly due to the fact that there is a period of almost two weeks in between production nights. As ideal as that seems, it is most definitely not the case when it comes to the staff of Panther Press. Not to say that the staff does not do their work, the exact opposite, in fact. Newspaper is one of the most demanding classes offered at GHS, and there are some pretty hard classes at this school. But, as hard as advanced calculus and AP Biology are, neither of those would ever require a student to stay after school for more than, say, two or so hours. The latest night so far in Panther Press history would be 11:30 at night. Some might call that crazy, but the staff of Panther Press prefers to call it dedicated. When one thinks of deadlines, they most likely picture a lot of rushing around, last minute interviewing, editing, and many many fingers typing furiously away at a

keyboard. Well, that is an accurate picture of the production nights at GHS. At the beginning of every production week, most editors of the staff start to feel a little tension. As the week progresses and Tuesday comes, the frustration and stress really begins to set in. During 7th hour that Tuesday, the staff begins to kick into hyperactive mode. There is an air of mixed emotions about. Some procrastinating staff writers are making last minute corrections on their stories, while others hurry to at least finish. The designers patiently wait at their computers for the finished product in order to place it on the computer, while muttering to themselves wishing people would turn things in on time. As

frustrating as deadlines may be, they are a necessary part of life. Even though some members of staff may not obey by the deadlines every week, everyone does their part to make sure everything is done by the "ultimate deadline," which is Wednesday night when the paper is finally sent to the printer. So as much as everyone on staff hates deadlines, there is no beating the feeling of release that can be felt the day after, then it's only a matter of time when the cycle begins again.

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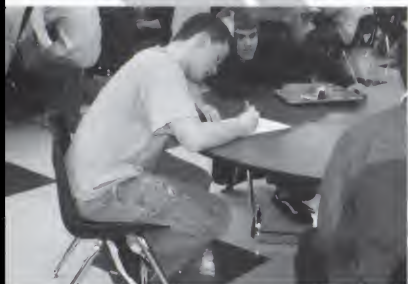
Finding sources probably isn't the best part of making deadlines. As you can see, junior Tim Warby is searching for his material to make his very very important deadline.

Deadlines aren't always about books and things like that. There are other areas people need to work on to accomplish their goals. As juniors Andre Rodgers and Jace McMillin study their song for a play.

Jacob, junior, tries to finish his homework before lunch is over. "I think that the teachers should give us less homework, because I only do homework at school," said Jacob.

Juniors Giovanni Lazcano and Sidway Govert sit in the library at the end of the class period of English, talking to each other about the classroom assignment due.

Doing her work, senior Nelsvika Brown tries to complete it before her next hour. "People don't spend their last five minutes wisely, because everybody is anxious to get out of class," said Brown.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

## Taking Some Time

Page By: Heather Smith  
Story By: Jaquil Rankin

"How do you spend the last five minutes of class? Let's say your teacher gave you a bunch of homework and you have time left at the end of the class for free time, how do you spend it? Do you sit there and try to finish all of your work so you don't have to take it home, or do you totally blow it off and talk to friends?"

Most people spend the last five minutes of class talking and joking around with each other. Sure it is only five minutes, but is that really the best way to spend that time?

Most teachers tell their students to start working on their homework at the end of the hour and if they're not working, they will get in trouble. Is that really right?

Isn't that free time supposed to be for the students to do what they want? Most teachers are concerned that their students won't use that time wisely. Teachers probably think their students would rather just get their work over with so they won't have to take it home. But students wonder why should they have nothing better to do at home. All their friends are here right now, so why worry about the work.

"Isn't that free time supposed to be for the students?"

If you think about it, both teachers and students are correct. Teachers are correct when they say just get the work done with, because that means less to carry home. But students are also correct to hold off the work and talk

to their friends that are there, and won't be there when they're at home doing their homework. It really doesn't matter how a person chooses to spend his or her last five minutes of class. They shouldn't be penalized for not doing their work, but they should show respect for those who choose to work by being a little quieter. The last five minutes of class, if the teacher is done teaching, should be used by the students to do what they feel is the wisest way to spend that time. If they decide to talk to friends, go for it. But

keep on the quiet side, so those who decide to work can work without many distractions.

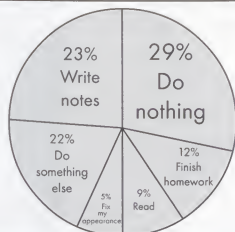
The last five minutes of class is a time kids like to spend socializing and having fun. That time allows them to rest their brains after working all hour. If the last five minutes of class is a free time, then the students should be allowed to choose how they want to spend it. But they should understand that it should be spent wisely."





Jennifer Handley

### In the Last Five Minutes of Class, I...



Junior **Lex Gollner** reads Rolling Stones with her friends. "People should spend their last five minutes of class relaxing, because we need time to relax and chill out," said Gollner.

Senior **Alex Silboch** pays at the concession stand, and gets one of the many different flavors of slushies before the bell rings for B lunch to end our fifth hour to begin.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Wrestling at team regionals, senior **Scott Howdieson** works his way to state.

**Howdieson** is recognized for being a state qualifier his senior year. "Wrestling is king," **Howdieson** said.

During a varsity football game, junior **Brian Bell** waits on the sidelines to be put into the game. "We had a lot of injured players, so underclassmen played a big role this season, but next year I think we'll make it all the way," **Bell** said.



Doug Abbott

Looking for a team mate to pass the ball to, senior **Claudio Gurrato** stops to kick the ball into the goal himself. "I had a lot of fun in my four years of soccer, but my senior year definitely could have gone better," **Gurrato** said.

"We made a goal that by football season, **Doug** and I would be able to get it to a half and when we got that, we wanted to get it to a full by basketball, and we got it to stick. I worked on it hard because I knew that I wouldn't get it next year," junior **Tabitha Munton** said.



Lyndley Clarkson



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# In the Heat of the game

"The boy's tennis season was fun and exciting."

Brad Papa, 10

"We had a harder season this year, but the girl's cross country team worked really hard and did well."

Kristen Mathews, 11

"The boy's cross country team had a lot of fun and I had a great time."

Chris Martin, 10

"Volleyball has a lot to do with being a team sport and working as a team."

Brittany Bridges, 9

"Soccer is a good sport to be in. Soccer gets you in shape and you work hard."

Christina Kireta, 10

"The boy's soccer team worked hard at practice to prepare as a team for games."

Zach Koch, 9

"The best thing about football was all the free food."

Danny Lewis, 12

"Girl's swimming is fun. Practices are hard, but I stick through it."

Erika Aldape, 9

"The boy's team lost a lot of good people, so we had to try extra hard, and it paid off."

Andy Vachayick, 11

"Our squad has gone through a lot, but we came out with a great year."

Caitlin Dudley, 12

"Pantherette practice is hard and testing is hard, but performing is the best feeling."

Ali Hartman, 9

"Wrestling is a really tough sport. It keeps you in good shape. It's a lot of fun to take someone down and have the ref hold up your hand stating that you win."

Nick Lam-Chi, 12

"You have to work really hard at basketball to win. You need to practice."

Kayla Aguilera, 9

"Everyone practiced hard and the games weren't too bad. I just love playing basketball."

Steve DeJesus, 12

"The girls are really nice and friendly. It's cool to play tennis and work with them."

Danielle Wilson, 10

"Golf is fun and exciting. I love being out doors with nature and the trees."

Jordan Landsman, 11

"Girl's track was a fun experience and good competition."

Renee Calabrese, 11

"Practice was alright, I like the meets."

Anton Mathis, 11

"We work together for softball during practice and that helps us win."

Annie Hernandez, 10

"Baseball is fun because all of my friends play, but it's not an easy sport and conditioning is hard."

Mark Hill, 12

Why we

Play



Lyndley Clarkson

Jennifer Handley

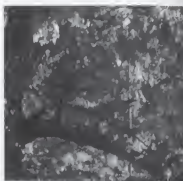
Waiting to bat against Chesterion, junior Krystal Uim, freshman Brittany Bridges, and sophomores Meagan Funk, Molly Orzechowicz, and Lisa Worley cheer the team on from the bench.

"The reason I like tennis is because even though it is a team game I can excel as an individual and not have to rely on other people," said senior Ian Ashenbaugh.

Boys tennis player, sophomore Will Freels, serves in his match at Calumet. "I like tennis because it gives me something to do and I am getting my first letter," said Freels.



AJ Oltmanns



AJ Oltmanns

Sophomore Matt Kuno plays his opponent from Highland in a tennis match. "I like tennis because it is fun and keeps me in shape for baseball. I also liked getting my first varsity win," said Kuno.

In his match against Calumet, junior Adam Breidner gets ready for the ball. "Tennis is my favorite sport because it is pure fun," said Breidner, "the tennis team is awesome to be on."



AJ Oltmanns



# Panther Tennis

What's all the racket about?

410	Varsity Tennis			
	Wheeler	1-4L	2-3L	
	Portage	0-5L	Munster	0-5L Columet 0-5L
	Lake Station	5-0W	Andreen	0-5L Highland 0-5L
	KV	5-0L	Columet	0-5L
	Clark	5-0W	Robert	2-3L
	Highland	5-0L	Bishop Noll	3-2W
	Lowell	2-3L	Morton	3-2W

AJ Olmanns



**Varsity Tennis** (front row) Alon Kus, Joe Zajac, Curt Konopasek, Josh Towne, Brad Papa (back row) Will Freis, Jon Ashenbaugh, Mark Hornew, Troy Sines, Meit Kuno, Adam Brandner, David Konopasek

Playing in a doubles match at Columet, sophomores Brad Papa and Joe Zajac, enjoy the crowd. "I like tennis because it keeps me out of trouble and in shape for baseball," Zajac said.

AJ Olmanns

Getting ready to start the race, members of the boys cross country team get in their ready position. "Right before the race is the most tense because it seems to last forever," sophomore Kevin Meece said.



Jace McMullin



Jace McMullin

Racing to the finish line, senior Rosie Sendejas puts forth all of her effort to try to stay ahead of her competition. "My most memorable moment this year is making it down to semi-state," Sendejas said.

With all of his energy, sophomore Matt Melvin runs on the track. "Running is just one of my favorite things to do. It really makes me feel great," Melvin said, "running burns a lot of calories. It's how I stay fit."



Trying to edge out his opponent, senior Matt Melvin runs to the end of the race. "Running cross country is a lot more tiring than running on the track. Once you start going up hills, that's when you really notice," Melvin said.





**Boys & Girls cross country** (front row) Mott Melton, Julie Cservonek, Kristen Mathews, Rosalinda Sendejas, Josh Cunningham (back row) Mike Worosz, Jeff Martin, Jace McMullin, Kevin Meece, Don Govers

31-30	65-81	Girls X-Country	Boys X-Country
		Geoff Invite NC Lake Station NC	Geoff Invite 7th
		New Painsville NC Sectionals 6th	New Painsville 10th Sectionals 5th
		Highland Invite 14th	Highland Invite 17th Regional 10th
		Robert Invite 8th	Robert Invite 8th
		Andreen Invite NC	Andreen Invite 6th
		LAC Meet 5th	LAC Meet 4th
		Lowell 9th	Lowell 7th

Girls Season

Boys Season



Jace McMullin



Jace McMullin

Attentively listening to Coach Mike Worosz, the boys and girls cross country team wait for more directions as to what to do when they get outside. They are anxiously waiting to go practice for their next meet.

Entertaining themselves, seniors Julie Cservonek and Rosie Sendejas and junior Kristen Mathews have fun on the bus ride to one of their meets. "You can't sit in the back of the bus unless you're going act under the age of ten," Cservonek says.



Jace McMullin

Panther  
**Cross Country**  
 Through the finish line

Merrillville	14-25, 18-25, 12-25	*Gavit	25-23, 27-25
E.C. Central	25-13, 25-17, 25-16	*Calumet	25-23, 19-25, 25-13
Morton	13-25, 10-25, 14-25	Bishop Noll	25-23, 22-25, 17-25, 13-25
North Newton	15-25, 17-25, 11-25	Whiting	23-25, 25-12, 19-25, 21-25
Hanover Central	13-25, 7-25, 11-25	*New Prairie	22-25, 17-25
Lowell	16-25, 17-25, 7-25	*Rochester	19-25, 20-25
Hammond	25-17, 25-22, 25-20	*S.B. Washington	10-25, 7-25
*New Prairie	8-25, 15-25	*LaVille	11-25, 20-25
*Kankakee Valley	6-25, 2-25	Gavit	17-25, 25-14, 25-13, 25-19
*Morton	16-25, 19-25	Highland	13-25, 10-25, 8-25
*Hebron	17-25, 25-13, 19-25	Hebron	16-25, 19-25, 20-25
Munster	22-25, 15-25, 16-25	Lake Station	23-25, 25-21, 25-23, 17-25, 15-12
Clark	13-25, 16-25, 22-25	Washington Twp	4-25, 14-25, 18-25
Andean	18-25, 25-19, 22-25, 16-25	River Forest	25-17, 25-17, 18-25, 22-25, 10-15
Robert	21-25, 25-19, 19-25, 25-21, 15-10	Calumet	21-25, 10-25, 25-21, 18-25
*Boone Grove	15-25, 12-25	Sectionals	
*Hanover Central	25-27, 16-25	Calumet	13-25, 20-25, 13-25



Lynley Clarkson

Sophomores *Camille M. Fogarty*, *Amara Roldan*, *Kristy Cullen*, and freshman *Shirley Bridges* get ready to sub for their teammates. "The best thing about volleyball is being able to play a great sport with friends," *Bridges* said.

With a tap to the sky, senior *Kathryn O'Brien* sets up the ball for her teammates. "I've been playing since 5th grade," *O'Brien* said. "I liked having fun and making friends on the team."



Lynley Clarkson

# Panther Volleyball

Show them how to spike it



Maisonneuve, freshman, jumps to spike the ball over the net. Maisonneuve was blocking for Griffith at the 10-14 game against Calumet.



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Kamuk, sophomore, serves the volleyball at a home game in the main gym hoping to score a point for Griffith. Kamuk plays the back row position.



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Sophomore Amanda Therp gets ready to hit the ball over while the opposing team tries to block it. Therp joined the team because of her sister. "I watched my older sister play, and it looked like fun, so I joined," Therp said.

Nicole Kilbeck, junior, hits the ball back to Calumet. Her teammates hoped that Calumet would miss it and give them the point. "I liked how the team was so close," Kilbeck said.

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**Varsity Volleyball** (front row) Molly Orzechawicz, Nicole Rogers, Lisa Dimas, Jay Helfen, Sarah Zeigler (second row) Rita Gray, Carolyn Salczynski, Veranica Caak, Krista Gildwell, Elise Garcia, Amanda McFarlane, Shellane Gomez (back row) Sarah Payne, Lisa Warley, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Dan Whitemare



**JV Volleyball** (front row) Jaqui Ranck, Ashley O'Conner, Lindsay Lewis, Amanda Rakowski (second row) Becky Curnaw, Danielle Fagarty, Katie Kaiser, Brittany Bridges, Elyse Janke, Rita Gray (back row) Sarah Payne, Amanda Therp, Alexis Gonzalez, Dan Whitemare



**Freshman Volleyball** (front row) Nicole Kaleski, Lindsay Lewis, Breanne Clark, Amanda Kaleski (second row) Sarah Payne, Rachel Convery, Katie Kaiser, Brittany Bridges, Rita Gray (back row) Kim Rogers, Samantha Mansanarez, Dan Whitemare

Girls varsity soccer team listens as coaches Ric Gonzalez and JoAnn Gatlin have a talk before a game. "We ran a lot throughout the season. It got hard at times but it was worth it," senior *Alissa Wellase* said.



Jen Handley



Jen Handley

Senior *Rosie Seville* is kicking the ball towards the goal is working on keeping it with Griffith. "I love soccer. It's my favorite sport. I have been playing it since I was four and I will never give it up," *Seville* said.

Junior *Mallory Gentry* was on defense against Wheeler at her Varsity game. "It's a lot of fun, but it is hard work. If I had the choice to switch soccer with any sport, I would never do it," *Gentry* said.



Jen Handley

Sophomore *Christina Kireto* at the JV game vs Hobart is kicking the ball towards the goal, trying her hardest to score. "I enjoy soccer a lot. It keeps me in shape and I get rid of a lot of anger. It's fun for the most part," *Kireto* said.



# Panther V Soccer

Kicking up a storm



10-6-1

Hammond High	13-0	Hebron	9-0	Munster	3-2
Boone Grove	5-1	Andean	2-6	EC Central	4-0
Morton	5-0	Merrillville	2-2	KV	0-1
Gaiff	9-0	Hobart	1-5	Wheeler	5-0
Highland	2-3	Crown Point	1-6	Lowell	4-4

1-6-2

Sectionals		Harvey Central	2-2	Crown Point	0-7
Ronsdale Central	11-0	Highland	0-6	Munster	0-3
Crown Point	0-6	Andean	1-7	Kankakee Valley	0-5
		Merrillville	0-0	Lowell	3-0
		Hobart	0-3		



Jen Handley

The JV girls soccer team listen intently as the coaches talk about the season and their games coming up. Hobart's game was next and they were anxious.



**Varsity Soccer** (front row) Charlotte Joseph, Jessica Kach, Star Sepulveda, Ruth Zemke, Alyson Laurencell (second row) Caitlin Terpstra, Alicia Kielbaso (back row) Amanda Uram, Elissa Heidler, Lauren Clark, Mallory Gatlin, Rasalinda Sendejas, Sara Brines



Jen Handley

Sophomore **Ruth Zemke** practices before her varsity Hobart game. "Practices were really hard but the games made the practices worth it," Zemke said. She has been on varsity for two years and she still loves it.

Senior **Elissa Heidler** and parents enjoy themselves at senior night. "I've been playing soccer for three years. To me it's fun," Heidler said, "I really enjoyed my last year and I am going to miss everyone. It was a great."



**JV Soccer** (front row) Alix Kekelik, Annie Hernandez, Kathy Ruzinski, Andrea Naaman, Erica Aldape, Kristen Samierad (second row) Kasia Damski, Candice Tripp, Angela Kepchar, Christina Kireta, Jo Anne Gatlin (back row) Ric Gonzalez, Jessica Bagnar, Sam Royal, Megan Swanson, Brittany Jursic, Trisha Verbach, Colleen Vechey

Jen Handley



**Varsity Soccer** (front row) Zoran Kviric, Raul Aldape, Claudia Gurrato, Matt Gurrato, Steve Siakas (second row) Jeff Reyna, Mike Albright, Sean Hanson, Ryan Fentress, Jason Gilge, Tim Garibay, Nathan Vaughan (back row) Julia Aguilar, Alex Subotic, Miles Hall, Joe Wagman, Joe Greichunas, Ryan Walsh, Ren Knestrict



**JV Soccer** (front row) Frank Alvarez, Tim Schell, Chris Fuass, Daniel Rukes, Kyle Hitt (second row) Raul Aldape, Nick Sellers, Jash Mercer, Jimmy Babkowski, Andrew Wright, Jeff Reyna, Zack Kach (back row) Peter Lewis, Ken Kurpelo, Nick Mullens, Julia Aguilar, Kyle Palinca, Adam Gasper, Casey Calby

Battling for the ball is sophomore **Steve Siakas**. "We had to pick up our effort with all of the new people this year," **Siakas** said, "the incident this year really put a lot of pressure on everyone on the team."

Knocking one of his opponents aside, senior **Julia Aguilar** takes the ball down the field. "You just have to out run everyone else," **Aguilar** said, "you can't ever let up."



Lynley Carlson



Lynley Carlson

Stopping one of his opponents in their tracks, junior **Chris Fuass** steals the ball. "I just like to steal balls," **Fuass** stated, "it helps make me feel like more of a man and keeps the other team from getting into a scoring position."

Chasing down one of his opponents, sophomore **Jash Mercer** tries to stop the other player. "I really gave it my all this season," **Mercer** said, "for what we had to deal with, I think we did a pretty good job. I think it was better than last season."





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Going up to chest a ball, senior *Andrew Sibbald* plays defense. "I really had to go the extra mile this year," Sibbald said, "the suspensions messed up our season, so we had to work a lot harder."



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Racing down the field with the ball, junior *Ryan Finkbeiner* tries to get into scoring position. "For what we had to deal with, I think we did a pretty good job," Finkbeiner said, "the team seemed to have taken this season a little less seriously."

7-10-1					5-0				
Boone Grove	0-1	Highland	3-4	Wheeler	4-3	Sectionals			
Laporte	1-3	Bishop K.	0-2	Munster	0-5	Rensselaer Central	14-7	Hinover Central	4-5
Morton	0-3	Andean	2-3	EC Central	2-2	Crown Point	14-7	Chesterford	0-5
Clark	4-0	LC	11-0	KV	3-1	Lowell	1-2	Highland	1-7
Chesterford	1-5	Hammond	3-0					Kankakee Valley	4-1
Bevit	6-2	Hobart	1-0					LC	0-9
								Bishop K.	5-1
								Morton	3-0

# Panther Soccer

Clawing our way to every goal

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# Panther Football

## Overcoming Defeat



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At Bridges' with the rest of the football team, senior *Pravay Lewis* and junior *Eric Aldree* enjoy their weekly team bonding during the season. "We were just comparing our facial hair," *Aldree* said.

After a touchdown, freshman *Zack Macak* kicks off. The freshman team had a record of 7-2. "Even though the freshman team didn't do as well as we should have, the season was good and there really were no bad parts," freshman *Derek Hitt* said.



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7-1 Varsity Football					7-2 Freshmen Football						
Season	Conference	Bishop Noll	57-13	Highland	43-7	Sectionals		Michigan City	8-0	Highland	20-12
		Chesterton	21-34	Hammond	49-6	Culmef	55-0	Chesterton	16-12	Hammond	22-8
		Lowell	21-20	Andreen	48-14	Morton	43-22	Lowell	8-12	Andreen	12-14
		Munster	44-14	Hobart	7-21	Andreen	35-36	Munster	44-16	Hobart	6-0
		Morton	50-20					Morton	52-6		





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Carrying the ball down the field during the Lowell game, sophomore Matt Griffith fights to get away from his opponents. "Football was fun because we all got along like a family," said Griffith.



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Hunched over at the 20 yard line, junior Matt Griffith waits for the snap. "I can't wait until next season. All the juniors are ready to come back and make next season the best ever," Griffith said.

After Griffith's win over Munster, the boys show good sportsmanship by shaking hands. That wasn't as easy to do after their loss against Andreon. "Our last game of the season was a disappointing loss, but we are looking forward to next year," junior Josh Gonzalez said.



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Running with the ball, senior Justin Culp scores a touchdown. "The season was good," said Culp, "I just wish we could have won state for my senior year."



**Varsity Football** (front row) Jimi Nunez, Joseph Cap, Nathan Vaughan, Derek Hitt, Kyle Najar, Andrew Karpoli, Rex Cullen, Justin Louie, Justin Culp (second row) Marc Mamclovich, Dave Melton, Ben Gaffert, Jake Gazarkewicz, Joseph Ferguson, Daniel Lewis, Zach Udchitz, Corey Nash (third row) Manager, Mark Hill, Daniel Wolyzson, Kyle Young, Doug Ashenbaugh, Jake Fitzsimmons, Drew Ragowski, Brett Hill, Matt Alvarez, Michael Cuneo, Shannon Smith (fourth row) Eric Arcella, Bo Radtke, Brian Orkis, Matt Gonzalez, Jim Pickett, Alex Brandon, Julio Cisneros, Ted White, Matt Skura, Russ Radtke (fifth row) Thomas Lenker, Jarrod Macak, Beau Uembach, Joshua Sims, Anthony Zoradi, Scott Houldieson, Brandon Pollard, Brandon Veronesi, Brian Bell, Bobby Rockwell (sixth row) Brandon Jackson, Andy Euber, Zach Stevens, Josh Gonzalez, Eric Andree, Eric Ritter, Daniel Calhoun, Devin Heller, Tim Spisak, Brad Begeske (last row) Adam Longoria, Rob Buehler, Matt Nellenman, Andrew Nashkoff, Mike White, Nathan Lehmann, Richard Lehmann, unknown kid, Dre Cobb, Chris Mozenarez, Nick Lam-Chi



**Freshman Football** (front row) Loris Smith, Anthony Concialdi, Derek Hitt, Justin Louie, Mark And, Brett West (second row) Joseph Cap, Devin Heller, Antonio Herrera, Jerami O'Brien, Jacob Fitzsimmons, Jimi Nunez, Rex Cullen, Michael Kubacki (third row) Matt Gonzalez, Rick Cap, Rhianno Koepp, Jeffery Simon, Daniel Kulinski, Kyle Dopshis, David Alexander, Zach Macak, John Tonkovich, Kayla Aguilera, Jim Pickett (fourth row) Adrian Burnham, David Alexander, Doug Ashenbaugh, Caleb Westfall, Kirk Villaseor, Tyler Walk, Joshua Sims

Quickly breaking through the line, sophomore Tim Spizak comes through on a blitz for the junior varsity team against Lowell. Spizak played on both offense and defense for the junior varsity squad.

Junior **Brendan Pollard** sprints off the field and tries to pump up the Panthers' offense after another stand by the defense. Pollard was a key contributor on the team this year, playing outside linebacker in several varsity contests.



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Four years of high school, and what have these seniors learned about football?

**SACK:**

"Passing right" when the play begins"

-Kelly Jusko

**SERIES:**

"Repeating a play over and over again in the middle of the 3rd quarter."

-Julie Cservenak

**RUSH:**

"Running the ball"

-Joanna Tinich

**ROLLOUT:**

"When all of the players leave the locker room to go onto the field"

-Alyson Laurencell

**SPIKE:**

"The shoes that the players wear."

-Lisa Guzman

sack: a tackle of the quarterback behind his line of scrimmage  
series: the group of 4 downs a team has to advance 10 yards  
rush: a running play; also, a pass rush roll out; when a quarterback runs parallel to the line, looking for a receiver  
spike: when a player throws the ball at the ground to celebrate a touchdown



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Drawing up a play on the board, freshman head coach Jim Pickett explains to the Loris Smith what he wants to see on the field. "I was creating an offensive game plan for the next time we went on offense," Pickett said.

Head Coach Russ Radtke shouts orders at his players during their game against Munster. Coach Radtke earned a 9-3 record this year. His career record at Griffith is 109-40 and he is 228-95 in his overall career, which has lasted for 28 years.



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(Left to Right) Senior *Duane Melton* (with ball) and juniors *Andy Washkoff*, *Zack Stevens*, and *Jarriad Macak* made up half of the offensive line for the Panthers. "The offensive line worked well together," Melton said, "we had one of the best offenses in the state."

During a timeout, senior quarterback *Rick Lehmann* listens closely to instructions from offensive coordinator *Bo Radtke*. Lehmann was a key component of the offense, as he rushed and passed for 1,000 yards.



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Hanging out with the team at *Bridges' Scoreboard*, junior *Brian Bell* lines up a pool shot. Every Thursday during the season, the team would gather at the restaurant to eat and watch the "Prep Football Report".

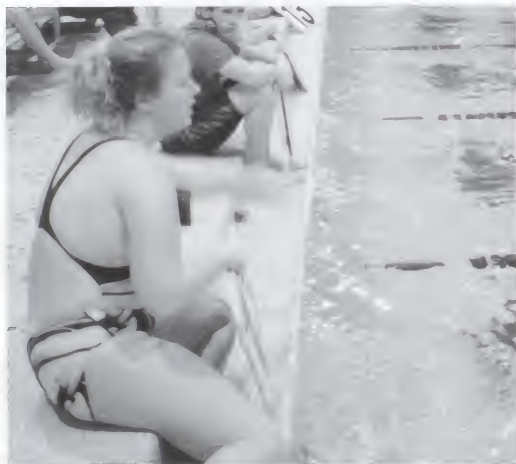
Between timeouts, sophomore *Dan Woloszyn* grabs some water during a JV game against *Lowell*. Woloszyn was primarily a JV player during the season, starting every game as a tight end.

Putting the lap counter in the water, **Amy Sloan**, sophomore, tells one of the swimmers the lap number in the 500 free. "In swimming you tend to get to know the team mates better than any other sport," said Sloan.

Cheering on the swimmers, freshman **Jennifer Handley**, freshman **Sam Chute**, and senior **Lila Sereno** try to support the team. "The best thing about being in swimming is you get to compete against all the schools and have fun," said **Shivda**.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley



Getting ready to put the lap counter into the water, **Amy Sloan**, sophomore, sits patiently. "I got injured and was out for a while," said Sloan.

9-7		Girls Swimming			
Season	Conference	Lowell	0-1	Griffith Invite	3-4 Wheeler 6-7
		Bovif	1-1	West Side	4-4 Kankakee Valley 7-7
		Highland	1-2	Merrillville	4-5 Clark 8-7
		Hobart	2-2	Oakmead	5-5 Nail 9-7
		Munster	2-3	Crown Point	5-6
		Remsen	2-4	Morton	6-6



# Panther Swimming

Hitting the right strokes



Jennifer Handley

Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Junior **John** gets ready to perform a dive. "The worst thing about this season was having to practice with people who like to joke around the whole time," said **John**.

Swimming the stroke fly at one of Griffith's home meets, freshman **John Aldape** tries to beat the other swimmers. "It was hard, but I did okay," said **Aldape**.

Sitting on the benches, senior **Chad** thinks about sucking her toes. "The best thing about the season ending is that I don't have to dive anymore," said **Chad**.



**Varsity Swimming** (front row) Kelly Juska, Kristen Kanapasek, Kelly LaMendola, Erika Aldape, Holly Juska (second row) Alyson Laurencell, Leah Marton, Sara Brines, Jessica Koch, Kali Werkowski, Alyssa Sza, Kim Rogers (third row) Brittany Rowdan, Lari Wartsbough, Amanda Thorp, Amanda Purvis, Samantha Schuster, Jeri Janes, Amy Parker, Amanda Uram (back row) Michelle Cook, Lisa Guzman, Becky Curnow, Charlotte Joseph, Leila Beratto, Amy Sloan, Jenna Janes, Nick Castello, Russ Rommelfanger

# Panther V Swimming

"Just keep swimming"



**Varsity Swimming** (front row) Andre Rodgers, Matthew Cavazos, Joshua Long, Zochory Koch, Dwight Poole, Andrew Aken (second row) Billy Hilbrich, Jeffery Martin, Chris Parker, Andrew Vacklavik, Michael Albright, Andrew Anderson (back row) Michelle Cook, Liso Guzman, Kevin Meece, Brodley Connell, Nathan Bryon, Nick Costillo, Russ Romelinger

15-8	7-3	Varsity Basketball										Sectionals	
Season	Conference	Wheeler	42-40	Munster	29-38	Lowell	45-46	Highland	17-34	Gavitt	17-34		
		River Forest	48-28	KV	30-36	Marion	56-24	Oark	60-28	Calumet	17-34		
		North Newton	54-32	Lowell	28-59	Calumet	59-28			Harmond High	17-34		
		Gavitt	47-20	Hobart	29-41	SB Washington	37-51						
		Kankakee Valley	41-29	Bishop Noll	50-44	Whiting	34-21						
		Hebron	40-40	New Prairie	41-27	Andean	38-31						

"I swam when I was younger, but then stopped for four years until this year. My brother swam in high school and he was good so I decided to start up again," said freshman ~~swimmer~~ *swimmer*, seen here swimming the 100m fly.



Getting ready to dive, senior **Melton**

Melton walks toward the edge. "I swim too, but I like diving much better. I have more fun in diving, plus I like learning all of the new and crazy dives," said Melton.

"It's important to practice because it helps keep your endurance up in between races. Also, it's a good time for the team to coerce," said senior **Jeffrey Martin** swimming along in practice with his team mates.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

"This was my first year swimming and I'm definitely coming back next year. It's not your typical sport. Most sports are played outside or on a court," said sophomore **Nate Ryan** seen here with sophomore **Chris Fowler** and freshman **Doug H. Peoples**.

Preparing to do an elevator, freshman **Lauren Phillips** is one of the bases for the freshman squad. "This season was a very good season," **Phillips** said, "We had a few arguments, but other than that, I had a good time."

Performing a cheer for a time out, freshman **Alexis Huxley** cheers her heart out. "This year was interesting for cheerleading. I had a lot of fun, and made a lot of friends. I loved doing stunts, and cheering," **Huxley** said.



Kristen Horn

Kristen Horn



Kristen Horn

Practicing their dance for the pre game show, seniors **Cassie Dunley**, **Trinity Miller**, and **Wendy Holmes** work on their moves together. "Cheerleading this year was fun," **Miller** said, "I am going to really miss it!"

Getting ready to do a toe-touch, sophomore **Alexis Huxley** prepares to do a jump with her pams in hand. "Cheerleading is a lot of fun," **Huxley** said, "sure we had some arguments between each other, but I had a great time."



Kristen Horn





Performing during a time-out, junior Crystal Gonzalez shows off her skills for her third year of cheerleading. "I had a fun year, but I am even more excited about the up coming year as a senior," Gonzalez said.



Varsity Squad (front row) Wendy Holmes, Joanno Tinich, Caitlin Dudley, Brittney Miller (second row) Ashley Scholler, Amy Baron, Tobitho Minton, Lauren Marinos, Crystal Gonzalez (back row) Samantha Kulig, Stacey Sanchez, Melony Cobros, Daniel Wilson, Amber Deltor



Kristen Horn

Working on a group cheer together during a JV game, junior Tishia Mason leads the cheer. "When I was a sophomore, I fell during the senior night game, this year I fell again, hopefully by my senior year I will be able to do it perfectly," Mason said.



Freshmen Squad (front row) Allison Honchor (second row) Cozey Nunez, Sheilo Szo, Kathryn Golombos, Christy Leal (back row) Lauren Pollard

Pea  
**Cheerleading**  
 Something to yell for!

Dancing her heart out, freshman Lauren Winiacki uses all her power to smile at the audience. The Pantherettes competed against four teams at Portage in their division. "The dance is very tiring," Winiacki said, "I was nervous and out of breath."

All smiles, the Pantherettes wait anxiously for music to play. They almost didn't get to perform the dance, because the music refused to play. "Dancing to Mariah Carey's 'All I Want for Christmas is You' was the funnest dance we did this year," sophomore Kelly Staszak said.



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Pantherette Squad (front row) Lauren Winiacki, Christina Lozano, Samantha Barlag, Kristen Schultz, Jessica Phillips, Kelly Redden, Brooke Miller, Alexis Hartman (back row) Kelly Staszak, Kaitlyn Gibbs, Lauren Csanka, Miranda Pape, Amy Miles, Ryan Berry, Brittany Evanich



# Pantherettes

"All she wants to do is dance"



Sophomore *Faye Berry* dances on the sidelines before the game starts. "I think that us performing sidelines gets the crowd pumped up," *Berry* said. All of the Pantherettes make up a dance to perform on the sidelines, and take turns performing each one while the basketball team gets warmed up.

Playing a game at camp, freshmen *Britt* and *Miller* and *Meredith Pope* dance to the beat. "We had to stay connected and dance to the music," *Miller* said. Camp was held at Indiana University and they stayed for three nights and four days.



Kristen Horn

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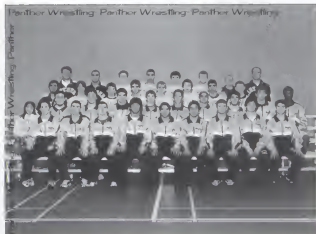
Lyndley Clarkson



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Performing at the first home basketball game, sophomore *Faye Berry* guides her second graders with their dancing. For a week the Pantherettes stayed after school to teach elementary school girls dance routines. "The little girls were practically as big as I was," *Berry* said.

Posing for the camera, the Pantherettes circle around a giant cookie. "Ali won the giant cookie as a prize for winning 'Crazy Dancer' at camp," senior *Kristen Schwartz* said. "I was too busy practicing our camp dance to take a picture around a cookie," *Berry* added.



**Varsity Wrestling** (front row) Tim Vessel, Ray Sexton, Scott Houldriason, Nick Lam-Chi, Angel Escobedo, Sontono Adome, Dan Lewis, Jason Gilge, Marcus Hernandez (second row) Coach Marez's Daughter, Jarrett Brownd, Anthony Zarni, Robbie Buehler, Andrew Karpati, Steven Siakas, Caitlin Maisant, Derek Kawa, Brandon Archer, Kaleb Matthews (third row) Julia Assistant Coach, Tany Latranica, Anthony Cancioaldi, Andrew Salgado, David Ridder, Justin laurie, Jimi Nunez, Corey Anderson (back row) Russ Radlike Head Assistant Coach, Maret Assistant Coach, Kyle Daphsis, Antonio Herrero, Justin Allen, Ryan Maginat, Shannan Smith Manager, Travis Walls, Head Coach



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Doug Abbott

Trying his hardest to keep his opponent from ralling them out of bounds, senior **Anthony Zarni** stops him. "My guy was very aggressive but I won. I'm happy it ended like this," **Zarni** said.

Standing excited after winning his title at state, senior **Anthony Zarni** thinks about how important the moment is. "I'm happy I won and I'm very proud of myself. It was one of the greatest accomplishments of my life," said **Zarni**.

Sophomore **Anthony Zarni** shows a lot of force while his wrestling opponent from Lowell is trying to keep him down. "I was happy I won that match. I just go out there and do my best. If I win that's great and if not there's always next time," **Zarni** said.







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Trying his hardest, sophomore does the best he can against a wrestler at the Lowell wrestling meet. "Wrestling is almost always fun but it comes with a lot of hard work and by a lot of work, I mean a lot. In the end it's always worth it," Stokess said.

Wrestling to a lot of people is a great sport and they really enjoy doing it. It's just a team activity and everyone is always there for each other. "I'm proud of the five that went to state. It's disappointing I got hurt so early in the season," senior Jaseil Oliver said.



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# Panther Wrestling

Rollin' around the mat

Congratulations to the state  
qualifying wrestlers for 2005

Angel Escabedo

Santana Adame

Nick Lam-Chi

Scott Houldeison

Kaleb Matthews



Doug Abbott

"I can't wait until wrestling is over. I had a good time, but I'm hungry now," senior Scott Houldieson said. Stretching before sectionals, Houldieson gets ready for his match. "I'm glad I made it to state. It was a fun experience for my senior year," said Houldieson.

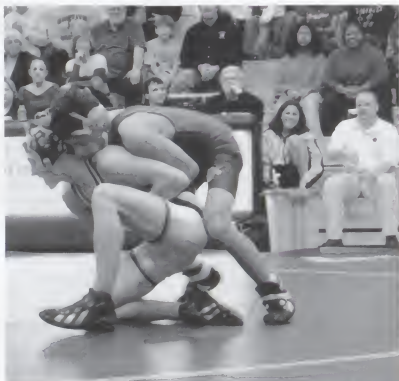
On his way to state, senior Nick Lam Chi wrestles one of the last matches of his high school career at regionals, held by Highland. "I wrestled pretty bad all year, but I pinned Angel in 28 seconds with a half and that was the best time I've had," Lam Chi said.



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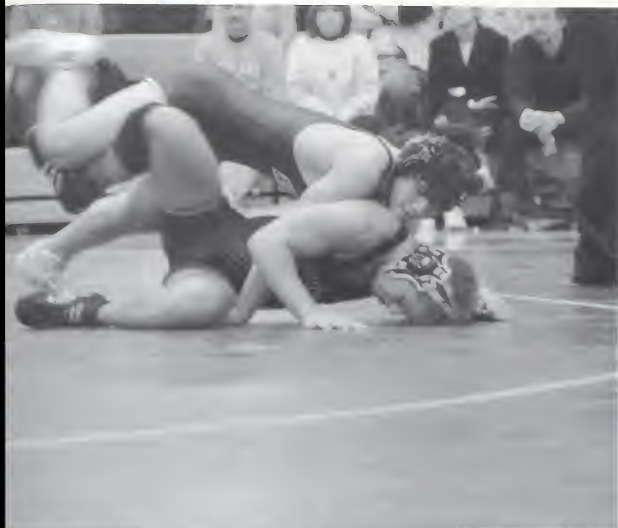


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At the only meet Griffith hosted this season, sophomore Andrew Karpati squirms his way out of the hold his opponent from Lowell has on him. "Wrestling is a tough sport. It keeps you healthy and strong while you maintain your weight," said Karpati.

Against a Merrillville Pirate, senior Angel Escobedo wrestles using all his strength until the end of the match. "I thought we did good against Merrillville, but they overpowered us," Escobedo said, "I'm glad we made it as far as we did. My senior year wouldn't have been complete without it."





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"For as good as Hobart was supposed to be this year, I'm glad that we beat them. It's always good to show everyone that we can come up and beat the odds played against us," said senior Danny Lewis. Lewis has been wrestling for seven years, but plans to stop while in college. "It was a fun part of high school, but I'm ready to move on," Lewis said.

Junior Kaleb Matthews shows how hard he wrestles at practice by working his way to victory. "Wrestling is where you have to have complete dedication to the sport. It's a lifestyle," Matthews said. Matthews had to maintain a weight of 171 for every match.



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Keeping his charisma up, senior Marcus Hernandez competes at sectionals. "Everyone really clicked together this year. When everyone doubted the wrestlers, we totally came together," said Hernandez, "it was fun because we had a really good year."

"I won the match by a decision from the ref. It was an easy match that won me 3rd place. I'm really glad we made it as far as we did, and it's exciting to have students from your school on your team going to state," senior Ray Sexton said. Out of 15 varsity wrestlers, five made it to state.

# Panther Basketball

Take it to the hoop for 2!

15-8	7-3	Varsity Basketball							Sectionals		
Season	Conference	Wheeler	42-40	Munster	29-38	Lowell	45-46	Highland	17-34	Gov't	17-34
		River Forest	48-28	KV	30-36	Morton	56-24	Clerk	60-28	Columet	17-34
		North Newton	54-32	Lowell	28-59	Columet	59-28			Hammond High	17-34
		Gov't	47-20	Hobart	29-41	SB Washington	37-51				
		Kankakee Valley	41-29	Bishop Noll	50-44	Whiting	34-21				
		Hebron	46-40	New Prairie	41-27	Andreen	38-31				



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Driving past a Highland defender, sophomore *Mills Gray-Powell* takes it to the basket. "The game against Highland was one of the few games I played this year because of my ankle. I usually was at the end of the bench with *grocery games*," said *Gray-Powell*.

Going up strong and drawing a foul, junior *Lucy Reynolds* goes up for a layup. *Reynolds* was the leading scorer for all three games for the Panthers during the sectional games. "The season was fun, it's a shame that we are losing the seniors. I love ball," said *Reynolds*.





Senior *Molly Seidel* goes up for a layup during the sectional championship game against Hammond High. "I was really upset about losing the game, I wanted to cut down the net with the team for my last year," said *Seidel*. "I'm really going to miss everyone on the team," added *Seidel*.

Sophomore *Kristina Kireto* concentrates as she attempts to shoot a freethrow after getting fouled on the shot. "It was an awesome season, I had a lot of fun. I can't wait til next season though," said *Kireto*. *Kireto* was the captain for the junior varsity team.



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Watching the final minutes of the game on senior night against Highland, seniors *Wendee Trevino*, *Megan Seidel*, and *Star Sepulveda* look on as the Lady Panthers lose their last home game of the season.



**Varsity Basketball** (front row) Molly Orzechawicz, Jessica Gallinat, Star Sepulveda, Annie Hernandez (second row) Jimmy Bobowski, Renee Cibrales, Megan Sudac, Ashley Baker, Shannan Trauscht, Krista Gildewell, Andrew Wright (back row) Justin Jones, Tany Scheub, Nicole Kubacki, Alicia Kielbaso, Tam Galumbeck, Kristen Mathews, Alana Masa, Ryan Sexson, Jenette Soy



**JV Basketball** (front row) Molly Orzechawicz, Renee Cibrales, Kristina Kireto, Elise Garcia, Krista Gildewell, Stephanie Brown, Annie Hernandez (back row) Justin Jones, Tany Scheub, Ashley Baker, Kristen Mathews, Megan Swanson, Ryan Swanson, Tam Galumbeck



**Freshman Basketball** (front row) Kaitlyn Scheffel, Anna Williams, Nicole Kalaski, Keri Markut, Amanda Kalaski (second row) Amanda Crook, Kaylo Aguilera, Sara Cale, Raquelle Aguilera, Amanda Crook (back row) Danielle Fogarty, Alex Brandon, Brittany Jursic

With gifts in her arms, senior Star Sepulveda stands with her parents and other teammates on senior night. "It was a really emotional time for me because it was my last home game. It was disappointing because we lost," Sepulveda said.



Ashley McDonald

Before the game, the girls would usually have a little pep talk. "We were huddling together before the game talking about how we were going to play. Our team bonded really well this season," sophomore said Annie Hernandez.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Sophomore Megan Swanson receives a pass from freshman Keni Markut while playing in a JV game. "I had a lot of fun this year. I am really going to miss the seniors but I can't wait until next year," Swanson said.

During a JV game, Ryan Sexson squats to talk to the team. The girls record at the end of the season was 17-3. "Losing to Highland was hard because the Highland coach always bragged about how good their team was and we really wanted to beat them," junior Renee Cables said.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Dribbling the ball down the court, junior Alvin Kielbasa looks for someone to pass to. "The season was fun and I am really going to miss all of the seniors because we got really close throughout the season," Kielbasa said.

Warming up before a game, senior Shannon Trauscht does the pivot drill. "We were warming up before the game and I was laughing with Terp," Trauscht said.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

"During the national anthem, I stood between Mally Orzechowicz and Star Sepulveda before every game," senior Megan Sudac said. The girls thought it would be bad luck to start their games any other way.

"We all went to Rich Lehmann's house before the game and his mom pointed out bodies so we could show our school spirit," junior Andrew Nashkaff said. Many students choose to dress crazy for the sectional games to pump up the team.



Varsity Basketball (front row) Brian Bell, Steven DeJesus, Aaron Salczynski, Nathan Lehmann, Matthew Caddington, Justin Culp (back row) Michael White, Benjamin Geffert, Todd Polgar, Richard Lehmann, Jon Ashenbaugh



JV Basketball (front row) Jeffrey Reyna, Brandon Brown, Daniel Vonek, Nicholas Doell, (back row) Aaron Salczynski, Alex Wilcoxson, Allen McClelland, Jeremy Labadie, Jacob Fitzsimons



Freshman Basketball (front row) Desmond Neylon, David Mills, Devin Fogarty, (middle row) Jeffrey Reyna, Patrick Kalisz, Trey Bailey, Jase Zavala, Jeremiah Frankley (back row) Adrian Burnham, Kenneth Kerpela, Caleb Westfall, David Alexander, Jake Fitzsimons

Watching a free throw during a home game played against Marian High school, freshman **Jake Fitzsimons** waits to see if the ball goes in. "Free-throws make Championships," said **Fitzsimons**.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Sitting on the benches and watching the game, the varsity boy's basketball team waits for the end of the game. When not playing, the team sits on the bench in their uniform waiting to go out on the court.



Just before receiving a technical call for hanging on the rim, senior **Tyler Polgar** slam dunks the ball. "I don't think it was fair because if I would have come down, I would have landed on that guy's head," said **Polgar**.



# Panther Basketball

Take that ball and put it through!

9-11		3-4		Varsity Basketball							
Season	Conference	Hebron	54-49	Morton	55-47	Munster	63-42	Sectionals			
		Crown Point	36-66	Whiting	60-44	Lowell	38-30	Govt	45-57		
		Dakota	56-51	B-Nal	57-56	Hobart	48-44				
		Andreon	41-67	Wheeler	42-44	Clark	68-59				
		Andreon	44-72	Highland	32-40	Govt	41-43				
		Morton	54-57	KV	67-58	Lake Station	45-25				

Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Guarding his opponent, senior **Justin Ashenbaugh** concentrates hard on his job during the game at senior night. Senior night was played against Clark High School where the Panthers gained another victory.

As a way to show their support for senior **Justin Ashenbaugh**, his friends cheer him on with writing on their chests. "It got me pumped up. It got me excited and made me want to play better," said **Ashenbaugh** about his friends.

At a home game against Calumet, junior Mike White tries not to give up his offensive position. "I was trying hard to pass the ball into the post," White said, "because that's where our best player is."



Looking for someone to pass the ball to, senior Rich Lehmann tries not to let Highland take the ball. "Highland was a tough game," Lehmann said, "I was glad we competed with a state ranked team."



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Waiting for the other team to take a foul shot, freshman David Alexander takes the chance to catch a breath. "The game was pretty tiring," Alexander said. Despite the teams best efforts, they did not win the game. "I thought that the team would pull through," Alexander added, "but I guess we were all tired."

Guarding the forward at one of Griffith's first junior varsity home basketball games, freshman Jeff Rayno makes sure that Calumet doesn't make a basket. "They weren't that good," Rayno said, "but they still beat us."





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Driving the baseline, freshman David Ashenbaugh looks around to see where the opposing team is. "I thought we were going to win coming into the game," Ashenbaugh said, "but we came up short."



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Waiting for a team mate to get open, senior Steve DeJesus advances toward the basket. "I went for a dunk," DeJesus said, "and I made it." Even though he made the shot, Griffith still lost the game against Highland. "We could have played a lot better," DeJesus added.



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Starting a play at a varsity basketball game against Calumet, junior Brian Bell dribbles down the court. "Because DeJesus was out, it was a tough game," Bell said. Several team mates were cheering from the stands, due to injuries.

Sophomore **Kelly Rydzak** pulls her racket back as she gets ready to serve the ball.

Rydzak was one of the many girls returning to the team from last year. The team ended their season this year with a record of 3-12.

Junior **Claudia Rydzak** takes a close look at the ball. "Andrean was my toughest match this year because the girl has been playing since 7th grade and has a personal coach, so she had a better advantage than I did," Rydzak said.



Brad Papa



Sophomore **Jessica Biegney** played two varsity singles this year. "I returned to the team again this year because 'I really enjoyed playing tennis last year and I had a lot of fun with it and it's something I'm good at,'" Biegney said.



Brad Papa



4-17		Varsity Tennis					Sectionals	
Season	Lowell	0-5	Morton	2-3	Bishop Noll	5-0	West Side	3-1
	Clark	0-5	KV	0-5	Gevitt	1-4	Highland	0-5
	Lake Station	4-1	Columet	1-4	River Forest	1-4		
	Hammond	0-5	Hancock	1-4				
	Whiting	4-1	Hobart	0-5				
	Windsor	0-5	Andrean	1-4				



Waiting for her opponent, freshman *Kayla Aguilera* stands waiting. "I have been playing basketball since I was in 5th grade and decided to try something new," *Aguilera* said.



# Panther Tennis

It's served, but never eaten!

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**Varsity Tennis** (front row) Olivia Barlow, Holly Juska, Jessica Bogner, Cathy Rudzinski, Laura Salvois, Megan Verbeke, Kelly Redden (second row) Naomi Lyles, Candice Tripp, Danielle Wilson, Stefanie Brown, Claudia Rybacki, Kayla Aguilera, Elizabeth Hancock, Kelly Staszak (back row) Erin Whiteside, Samantha Royal, Justine Yeager, Karrie Obranovich, Allison Hanchar, Amy Miles, Tracy Sines



Waiting for their names to be announced in the lineup, sophomores *Danielle Wilson* and *Amy Miles* watch as their opponents are introduced to them. My favorite part of the season was when "Kayla Aguilera pegged the Andrean girl below the belt," *Wilson* said.

Hitting the ball back over the net to her opponent, freshman *Allison Hanchar* follows through with her shot. The team was different this year from past years because the team did not have any seniors.

Brad Popo

Brad Popo

# Panther Golf

Teed Off!

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**Varsity golf** (front row) David Ridder, Jeffery Renya, Kyle Najor, Adam Vania, Kyle Hitt (second row) Jordan Landsman, Brad McFarland, Jim Anderson, Keith Boilek, Casey Colby (back row) Nate Lehmann, Ryan Bandura, Aaron Salczynski, Chris Parker

Driving on the hole, junior Kyle Hitt tee's off. The golf team did quite well. "We had a lot of underclassmen, but by the time everyone has a few years under them, the team will be great," said Hitt.



Jordan Bruno

Setting up with a smile on his face, second year sophomore Chris Parker gets ready to make his ball fly. "I think we had a good team this year and we also got some new freshmen."

Top varsity player sophomore Nathan Lehmann sets up to a put. Lehmann had a round of 35 on the front nine at Scherwood Country Club this year.



Jordan Bruno



Jordan Bruno

Sophomore Beau Leimbach sets up his ball on an awkward lie. This was Leimbach's first year on the golf team. "It was fun, I had a good time, but I wish it didn't run into football so quickly, but it improved my golf game," said Leimbach.



Jordan Bruno



Jordan Bruno

Taking practice swings before he hits the ball, sophomore Aaron Salczynski knows that practice only makes perfect. This is Salczynski's second year on the golf team, and he was varsity number two.

Walking to his next shot, freshman Zachary Koch thinks of his next set up. Koch is one of only two freshmen on the golf team. "It was fun playing golf and playing with people better than me to help me get better."

# Panther Track

Don't lose track of the girls!

Off to a great start, senior Sarah Davies begins to race. "Getting a good start is always important when racing," Baines said. Track was an important part of her high school experience.



Kristen Horn



Kristen Horn

Waiting and trying to relax before the meet begins, the girls' track team converses about what is to come for the season. "We did good. I think shin splints are the worst!" said sophomore Samantha Kulig.

Pushing herself with all of her strength, freshman Britney Hill continues to race. "I like being in track because you get to talk to all of the upperclassmen," Hill said.







Kristen Horn

Before she is about to compete, freshman *Jessica Jones* goes over exactly what to do. "Before I'm about to compete, I have to go over what I need to do so I don't mess up," said *Jones*.

Continuing to race with all of her strength, sophomore *Fawn Jenkins* runs around the Griffith track. Track is very important to *Jenkins* and she hopes to continue to pursue it.



Kristen Horn



Kristen Horn

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**Girls' Track** Row 1 Alyson Laurencall, Olivia Martinez, Anna Williams, Erica Aldope, Jessica Mendoza, Theresa Sanchez  
Row 2 Sarah Williams, Sara Brines, Briney Hill, Lauren Pollard, Star Sepulveda, Briana Greenwell, Aundalyse Parquet, Sam Kulig, Renee Cabrales  
Row 3 Jamie Freeman, Caitlyn Maisant, Melany Cabrales, Angela Kepchar, Amanda Tharp, Lori Wartsbaugh, Alicia Byrns, Miranda Pope, Jelena Pupac  
Row 4 Rasalinda Sendejas, Charlotte Joseph, Danielle Fagarty, Kristen Matthews, Alex Brandon, Leila Berrato, Ruth Zemke, Ashley Baker, Jenna Jones  
Mike Warasz

"I think track is good for the body. Some of the things our coach taught us can be used in the real world," said freshman *Aundalyse Parquet*. Before the meet, the girls warm up so that no muscles are pulled.



Kristen Horn

With determination, sophomore ~~twice~~ Hall runs his last lap. "Track was fun, but we had a young team so we didn't go very far," Hall said, "hopefully we will go further next year."



Running at a meet, sophomore Christopher Martin concentrates on his breathing. "Track was mad crazy fun and I hope we do better next year," Martin said.



Kristen Horn



Kristen Horn

Taking off, freshman David Alexander begins his run. "I like track because it's something to do in order to get ready for my football season," Alexander said.

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**Varsity Track** (front row) Doug Ashenbough, Jacob@simons, Zoran Kviric, Josh Cunningham, Dona Davis, Miles Holl, Don Volois (second row) Christopher Martin, Mathew Melton, David Alexander, DeAndre Robinson, Anthony Zomdt, Don Calhoun, Desmond Neylon, (third row) Shannon Smith, Loris Smith, Ryan Fentress, Jimi Nunez, Justin Allen, Justin Louie, Anthony Moore (top row) Russ Radke, Tad Polgor, Nick Lom-chi, Will Hobbs, Thomas Lenker, Robby Buehler, Ryan Orkis, Bo Radke





Kristen Horn



Kristen Horn

Pumped-up, junior Alex McCampbell gets ready to long jump. "I have been in track since 6th grade and it's fun because you get to work at your own pace and stay in shape," McCampbell said.

Pacing himself, junior Josh Cunningham runs his lap. "This season has not been very successful for me because I had three injuries within the first three weeks of practice," Cunningham said.



Kristen Horn



Kristen Horn



Kristen Horn

Wishing him luck, senior Jasen Gilge grabs senior Dana Davis's hand. "I am glad to have been on the team because of all the hardworking people, like Dana," Gilge said.

Flying through the air, junior Alex McCampbell runs and then jumps into the sand pit. McCampbell has been in track since sixth grade and really enjoys it.

Panther  
Track  
Going Twice The Distance

# Panther Softball

Get a little mud on your spikes!

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Sophomore Tiffany Lidster is getting ready to field a ground ball. "I was excited this year when I got brought up to varsity," said Lidster. "I was happy to reach my goal," Lidster added.



Jennifer Handley

**Varsity Softball** (front row) Molly Orzechowicz, Annie Hernandez, Lauren Winiacki, Kristyn Maynard, Sarah Zajac, Kendra Terzioral (Second Row) Christina Kireto, Elise Garcia, Laura Matovina, Ashley McDonald, Maegan Funk, Krystal Ulm (Back Row) Sarah Payne, Brittany Bridges, Shannon Trauscht, Lisa Warley, Nicole Kubacki, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Dave Lopez

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**J.V. Softball** (front row) Ashley Peters, Nicole Sharpe, Kristyn Maynard, Rhianno Koepp (Second Row) Lyndley Clarkson, Alexis Gonzalez, Elise Garcia, Megan Turner, Kathryn Galambos (Back Row) Samantha Higgins, Megan Swanson, Mike Hernandez, Tiffany Lidster, Elise Janke







Lynley Clarkson

Watching the game from the dugout freshman Lauren Winecki cheers for her team. "One thing I remember," said Winecki, "was when Kendra Terzani gave me a black eye."

Winding up, sophomore *Jessie Peters* begins to deliver the ball. "Despite all the drama we had," said Peters, "I had a really fun and good year." This was Peters second year on junior varsity.



Jessie Peters



Lynley Clarkson



Jessie Peters

Tired from running around, senior Sarah Zajac holds her head in her hands. "Softball was a lot of fun. I'm going to miss the team bonding that we did this season," said Zajac.

Junior Nicole Kubacki throws the ball down to first base during warmups. "This year was fun," said Kubacki. "It helped me just get away from everything," Kubacki added.

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**Varsity Baseball** (front row) Joe Zajac, Carey Nash, Mark Hill, Danny Lewis (second row) Brian Bell, Trente Beirman, Jarrod Macak, Jim Swienconek, Ryan Bridges, Brett Newman (back row) Mike Cuneo, Adam Brandner, Matt Nelleman, Matt Kuno, Joe Wagman

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**Junior Varsity Baseball** (front row) Tyler Luvieri, Curt Kanopsek, Jeff Bertucci, David Kanopsek, Alan Kus (second row) Will Frets, Dan Wolaszyn, Joey greichunas, Nathan Bryan, Brandon Danavsky (back row) Mike White, Brod Begesky, Brian Kayden

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**Freshmen Baseball** (front row) Tim Cooper, Jeff Reyno, Josh Long, Derrik Hitt (second row) Trey Bailey, Andy Palino, Andrew Anderson, John Tankovich, Rex Cullen, Jake Terpstra (back row) Coach Mercer, Adrean Brnham, Jeremy Ratajczyk, Zach Mazcok, Coach Bentley

Hoping to make no mistakes during the game, junior Alan Kus takes batting practice behind the homefield dugout to warm up. "I enjoy playing baseball," said Kus.



Lynley S. Carlson

"Baseball is fun and I love playing it," said sophomore David Kanopsek. Keeping his eye on the ball and hoping to hit it, he waits patiently for the ball to be pitched to him.





Lyndley Clarkson

During a game, junior Matt Nellenman talks with junior Jared Maacak about their strategy for the inning. "The year went really well. I'm glad it was a good year for us," said Nellenman.

Feeling great in the heat of the moment, senior Brett Newhouse fields a ground ball and throws it to first base. "We had a solid team this year and I'm glad we beat Andron," said Newhouse.



Lyndley Clarkson

# Panther Baseball

Batter Up.

15-8	7-3	Varsity Baseball							Sectionals		
Season	Conference	Wheeler	42-40	Munster	29-38	Lowell	45-46	Highland	17-34	Gavitt	17-34
		River Forest	48-28	KV	30-36	Morton	56-24	Oak	60-28	Calumet	17-34
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		Hebron	46-40	New Prairie	41-27	Andron	38-31				



Lyndley Clarkson

While playing in his final season of high school, senior Jim Swienconek keeps watch over an offense player, so he doesn't steal a base.



Lyndley Clarkson

While playing in on the varsity Griffith baseball team, junior Drew Ragnowski runs back to catch a fly ball hit to the outfield. "I really liked to play baseball throughout high school because it gives you something to do and it's fun," said Ragnowski.



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"I like pitching because you are in control of whether the batter hits the ball or not," sophomore Will Frets said. Frets is the main JV pitcher.

Juniar Michael White slides into home while trying stay safe. "Baseball is something that I just love to play. Football is really my favorite, but baseball is good, too," said White.



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JV member Nathan Bryon recieves and throws back the ball to finish a play on the Griffith Home field. "I love baseball," Bryon said.

Playing at the Griffith home field, sophmore Bradley Begeske dives to make the play. "Baseball is a good sport and plus it keeps you active," said Begeske

At the class council meeting for prom, junior *Selney Goveri* participates in making decisions for the dance. "We were voting on the song and the theme," *Goveri* said. The theme for prom was *At Last* and the song was "I melt" by Rascal Flatts.

The newspaper staff will do just about anything to make sure that they get what they want done by their deadline.

Senior *Drive Muller*, editor of the paper, walked through two feet of snow in 20 degree weather just to get a picture for his column.



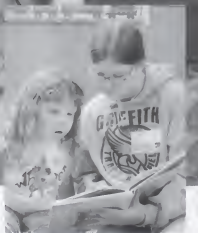
Lyndley Clarkson

On an International Club field trip, sophomore *Kate Johnson* and junior *Issaca Kosh* jump on stage to sing songs. "We had to get up on stage and dress like idiots while we sang songs in French. It was fun," *Kosh* said.

With a second grader at Ready Elementary School, sophomore *Bethany Erickson* reads to her book buddy. "We spent two days reading to kids at Beireger and Ready. I enjoyed myself," said *Erickson*.



Photo Provided



Laura Salavias

# Activities and Fun with clubs

"I like meeting new people to find out different things that help them fit in around the school."

—Jerome Maddox, 9

"It's a good idea to volunteer because it feels good just knowing that you're helping people out with your free time."

—Ellie Andree, 11

"There are so many parties, I don't even know what to do with myself. They're a lot of fun to go to as long as there is a lot of people there."

—Brandon Archer, 10

"Fundraising is a great way for a team or group to raise money for their needs."

—Amy Fitzgerald, 9

"I'm not really a planner at all. I'm usually a last minute person. It gets me into trouble sometimes."

—Lisa Worley, 10

"Adventures are a great way to find your character. I love sitting in a tree for hours just waiting while I hunt. It helps me have patience."

—Derek Waitman, 12

"I believe practicing helps you a lot because you get better and learn from your mistakes."

—Cassie Johnstone, 11

"I would prefer to not work during the school year. It's a little too much to handle all at once. Summer jobs depend on what I have planned to do for my three months off of school."

—Brandi Lewis, 12

"Having fun can be a great time. You don't really have to do a lot to have fun, just be happy and do something you enjoy. That works for your whole life, not just high school."

—Scott Hodgson, 12

"Parades are a lot of fun to watch, and I like running out into the street to get the candy."

—Cayenne Herrera, 11



Lyndley Clarkson

Lyndley Clarkson

"I was working on memorizing lines for Pae's *Midnight Drea*. I was the coffee maker," said junior Jace McMullin. McMullin was part of a large crew that worked on the play.

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Jon Johnson, senior, leads one of the Student Council meetings. The most stressful thing about being president of Student Council is "sometimes when we're doing so much, it's hard to get everything that you want to happen done," Jon said.



Brad Pappo



Brad Pappo

Student Council is important to me because "it gives me a chance to make a difference in my school and make it better," senior *Natasha Mahajan* said. *Mahajan* has been involved in Student Council for three years. There were about 25 members in student council this year.

## Making New Friends

"Meeting new people can be tough, especially when you just started going to a new school. When you walk down, what seems to be, a long, never ending hallway, you see groups of people talking and laughing. You wonder if you could ever meet them.

There are many ways to meet new people. The best way is to join an extra-curricular activity.

If you have a tough time deciding, just think of what you like to do. If you like volunteering, join FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America). If you like acting, join Drama Club and act your way into a great friendship. If you are a good artist, join Art Club. And if you want your voice to be heard

throughout the school, join Student Council or the Debate Team. As you can see, there are many different clubs and activities you can join to meet some very interesting students in your school.

If you are shy, meeting new people is not the end of the world, you just have to start talking to others.

It might take a while to actually find friends, but it all works out in the end. Just remember, people are different, some are crazy, some are nice, and some are athletic.

Good Luck to all new students."

Story By: Cassandra Johnstone

Page By: Laura Solivas

### D.E.C.A.

D.E.C.A. stands for Distributive Education Club of America. To qualify for D.E.C.A. membership, you must take the required business courses.



Row One: Britney Erickson, Chris Denning, Matt Melfon, Andreyva Stack, Mr. Howell, Nicole Rodgers Row Two: Melissa Dills, Fatimah Amarah, Mint Wilczynski, Jennifer Schoon, Krystal Hess, Michelle Franchetti, Row Three: Shellane Gomez, Veronica Cook, Dennis Glade, Nick Raduski, Ryan Tropp, Darcy Govers, Nafahia Brown

### Varsity Club

Row One: Justin Leland, Mely Droboschewicz, Samantha Bishop, Alex Hartman, Lisa Deas, Nathan Gomez, Amanda Usen, Ryan Hernandez, Miranda Pope, Christina Lomas, Brooke Miller, Sarah Zapp, Jenna Pope, Ashley Schuler Row Two: Taliaha Minors, Brooke Miller, Kristen Korynski, Kelly Juko, Nicole Rodgers, Amy Parker, Kati Wieroski, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Kelli Fiedorowicz, Lisa Gomez, Allan Lauremond, Sarah Tharp, Sara Botes, Jessica Denning, Jey Lander, Amanda Tharp, Janna Trish, Alyssa Sue, Olivia Burke,



Row Three: Crystal Gomez, Adam Vasis, Jolene Mills, Kyle Young, Erin Roberts, Nathan Vaughn, Emily Noll, Sergio Matamoros, Anthony Zurek, Maria Hernandez, Star Sepulveda, Karla Olanowicz, Andre Rodgers, Josh Cunningham, Derek Kowal, Lauren Clark, David Melvin Row Four: Carolyn Sabatini, Malory Cuth, Claudio Garcia, New Defina, Megan Scales, Kelly Stamm, Kristen Schulte, Britany Toranzo, Lauren Carls, Ruth Zerkle, Amy Mena, Anna Williams, Elana Herber, Ryan Jensen, Zanna Kopp, Kelly Redden Row Five: Claudio Garcia, Ryan Berry, Lisa Markot, Julie Gorenvick, Zanna Kopp, Jenna Koch, Megan Swanson, Alex Redden, Kristen Matthews, Caitlin Tropp, Ashley Barth, Sarah Williams, Chantel Joseph, Matthew Melton, Rebekah Carron, Andreyva Stack Row Six: Jim Swenson, Timothy Carlson, Dominik Clark, Doug Aderberg, Jacob Nyberg, Amanda MacFadyen, Scott Haddadson, Veronica Cook, Matt Gurnick, Lella Brann, Doug Abbott, Zachary Hinds, Bradley Gidwell, Adam Longino, Lindsay Cook, Senata Adams Row Seven: Brandon Archer, Beau Lendbach, Paul Mays, Matt Cockington, Zachary Stevens, Thomas Lenken, Jason Galloway, Josh Gomez, Brandon Dilbert, Joseph Gorenvick, Janelle Micali, Andrew Thomas, Adam Longino, Matt Lander, Row Eight: Rene Rastler, James Brown, Tim Voss, Joseph Waggoner, Brandon Virens, Brandon Jackson, Andrew McMillan, Matthew Nefemes, Ralfe Lethman, Christopher Massamano, Mike White, Andrew Nishid, Tim Bertram, Kevin Moore, Kaleb Mathews



Freshman **David Freeman** reads to her book buddy at Ready Elementary school. "FCCLA is a good club to be involved in because it lets you do things with other people and it's good for you to learn how to do community service and looks good on college applications," **Freeman** said.

Dancing to the song "Tony Chestnut," senior **Diana Ashton** points to his head at yearbook camp. The song is a silly song that five of the members of the yearbook staff learned at camp. The yearbook and newspaper staffs used the song to help them ease some of the stress around deadlines and have fun.



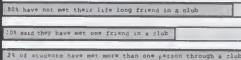
Lyndley Clarkson

Getting some great ideas for the upcoming yearbook, juniors **Ashlee Goggin** and **Aime Palmer** sit at yearbook camp. Camp was four days long where the members learned how to improve the yearbook. "Camp was really fun, it let me learn the difference between a good yearbook and a bad one," **Goggin** said.



Lyndley Clarkson

How many students at GHS have met their life long friend in a club?



Lauro Solvois

## Concert Band

While some of us might be out during the summer enjoying ourselves, band students are hard at work at band camp working to perfect the songs and shows that they play and put on



Row One: Jovanka Bala, Andrew McMullen, Nicholas Lepp, Sarah Williams, Rosalinda Sotolongo, Andrew Thomas, Lyndley Clarkson, Lisa Guzman, Jeff Apple Row Two: Nikke Cornett, Crystal Villareal, Sarah Kim, Kara Johnson, Cathy Rudzinski, Matt Cavazos, Angela Kerpchar, Candice Tripp, Erika Johnson, Jessica Bogner, Tara Villa Row Three: Daniel Velez, Desmond Neylon, Alicia Byrns, Antoine Rodgers, Justin Yeager, Samantha Royal, Anthony Zarick, Andre Rodgers, Terence Spencer, Joel Gerber, Jesse Shucklin, Marcus Hankins, Row Four: Annalisa Utam, Kelley Jaramacowicz, Jenna Jones, Liz Gollner, Daniel Drennie, Andrew Vachek, Adam Gasper, Carl Elmer, Lela Berrato, Audrey Tolson, Andrew Anderson, Row Five: Jamie Freeman, Nathan Bryan, Steven Byrns, Krystof Zembrowski, Don Gadberrry, Frank Davis, Benjamin Hancock, Jonathan Ross, Brett Schwan, Ryan Randall

## Jazz Band

How dedicated are you to your favorite activity? Students in jazz band meet for practice on their own time twice a week before or after school



Row One: Andrew McMullen, Jenna Jones, Lisa Guzman, Andre Rodgers, Cathy Rudzinski, Samantha Royal, Don Gadberrry Row Two: Jeff Appel, Jamie Freeman, Lyndley Clarkson, Andrew Thomas, Carl Elmer, Adam Gasper, Candice Tripp, Erika Johnson

Junior Crystal Bectold reads to her book buddy at Ready Elementary school. Bectold, an FCCLA member, attended Ready and Beirger elementary schools along with the rest of the club to read to young students.

Seniors Star Sepulveda and Claudio Gurrola talk with an elderly woman on their field trip to the senior center. Honor Society goes on many field trips to help out others. "We do good things for the society," said Sepulveda. "I like going on field trips," added Gurrola.



Ashley Cogdill

## Chorale

Chorale was selected to perform on Channel five NBC Chicago. It is the highest choir that GHS has to offer.



Row one: Danny Lewis, Kenny Junko, Nicole Rodgers, Kopelete Johnson, Michelle Trachten, Mark Janosek  
Row two: Alan Kus, Joanna Timch, Gabe Towle, Ashlee Moses, Jeff Martin, Laura Matovina, Steve Flemming, Erin Doherty, Kevin Horn  
Row three: Michael Schoon, Timmothy Vesel, Jim Swinconeck, Alyson Laurencell, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Joseph Wagman, Brett Newman, Michael Albright  
Row four: Mimi Wileyski, Arkadiusz Ryzak, Tuesday Sukovich, Richie Lehmann, Veronica Cook, Brafflaw Connell, Amanda MacFarlane

## After-School Girls Choir

After-School Girl's Choir consists of 19 girls. The girls meet once a week after school to work on their music.



Row one: Connie Herarra, Jessica Ross, Jessica Koch, Crystal Chandler, Ashley Stevens, Liz Hancock, Shellane Gomez  
Row two: Lisa Dimos, Elizabeth Ryzak, Lori Wartsbaugh, Elana Hernandez, Jessica Beemsterboer, Becky Curnow, Candice Tripp, Mark Janosek  
Row three: Kate Horn, Amanda MacFarlane, Elizabeth Stanford, Veronica Cook, Kelle Johnson



Jenny Welch, a member of FCCLA, listens enthusiastically to her book buddy read at Ready Elementary School. "It was a great way to encourage the kids to read," Welch said.

## Did You Know...?

- > Clubs are designed as extra-curriculars for students to help them get accepted into college. <
- > Eddie Covarrubios come to Griffith in the middle of the year as choir teacher. <
- > After-School Choir is for the dedicated students who take time out to sing on their own. <
- > Honor Society is run by Michelle Connor, business. <

Laura Solvas

Laura Solvas

## After-School Boys Choir

After-School Boys' Choir sings the lighter music for the choir concert. The boys like to sing silly, fun songs rather than the traditional songs.



Row one: Jeremy Love, Matthew Cawson, Alan Kus, Jeff Martin, Stephen Bakko, Mark Janosek  
Row two: Zachary Koch, Andrew McMullin, Arkadus Ryack, Adam Brandner, Kevin Meere

## Honor Society

For the 2005-2006 year, there will only be 5 juniors inducted into Honor Society. There will only be 18 students involved for the next year.



Row one: Alyson Laurencell, Nicole Rodgers, Julie Cervenak, Brett Newman, David Melon, Ashlee Moses. Row two: Kelley Jusko, Laura Matovina, Emily Cutka, Ashley Cogdill, Veronica Cook, Sarah Williams, Alan Kus, Jovanka Balac, Joy Heilen. Row three: Heidi Gerdes, Caitlin Terptritz, Tim Garibay, Jason Gibbs, Matthew Melon, Rosalinda Sendejas, Sarah Sharp, Claudio Gurrela. Row four: Joy Lindsay, Jim Sweincocek, Kristen Matthews, Kevin Torok, Nicholas Leep, Kaitlin O'Brien, Star Sepulveda

# Fiesta!

Why does International Club have parties? International Club was formed with the purpose of students learning, exploring, and experiencing other cultures. Griffith High School has lots of people signed up in Foreign Language classes. There are over four hundred students in the Spanish and French classes. It is hard to do the "fun stuff" like playing games, eating food, and watching strange foreign films with that many students. Also, just because a student is taking Spanish or French doesn't mean they are interested in the language or culture. They were told they need two years for college or three years for the Honors diploma. The club was started for the students that are really interested in learning more about the countries outside of the

United States. We normally have parties for major holidays- Mexican Independence Day, Halloween, Christmas, Mardi Gras, and Cinco de Mayo. We also have watched foreign films and sampled foreign foods. We have played games: Pictionary for Mardi Gras, the Metro game - which travels the Metro of Paris, and Name that Santa you have to choose the correct name for santa in fifteen different countries. We danced for Halloween. The parties are a way of experiencing culture in a way that is hard to do in the classroom. Plus we always have food and everyone loves to eat!

Story By: Katherine Martinez

Page By: Lauren Becze

Drawing on the chalkboard for the International Club Mardi Gras party, freshman *Aundalyse Pargiet* tries to trick the other team. "I think International club is fun. We learn about other cultures, and not just our culture," *Pargiet* said.



Brad Papa

Figuring out a fun new way to play the game Jenga, senior *Joseph Wogman* builds the blocks in a new way at the newspaper and yearbook Christmas party. "The only reason I went was to get some free food," Wogman said.







Playing the game "Battle of the Sexes," senior David Mellow and junior Chad Mellow take their turn. "The Christmas party was a grand old time. The girls cheated in Battle of the Sexes because they lack the intelligence of males," Mellow said.



Enjoying the food that was served at the International Club Mardi Gras party, senior Jennalyn Bolin takes a bite of a piece of cake that was served. "We usually have really good food at the parties, and we get to play a bunch of games," Bolin said.

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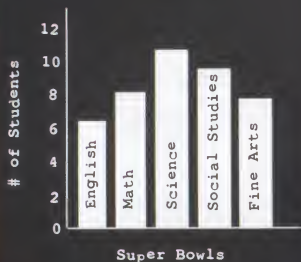
Brad Popa

Waiting for her turn to draw a picture during International Club's Pictionary game at the Mardi Gras party, sophomore Katie Johnson sits with her friends. "The Mardi Gras party was fun, but we lost our Pictionary game," Johnson said.

Griffith's International Club has been a club for six years. It has been throwing parties for just as long.

Brad Popa

## > Super Bowl Students <



## Super Bowl

All Super Bowl teams are made up of five students. Teams then go to a competition and answer questions about their certain Super Bowl.



Row One: Joy Helfen, Jovanka Balaz, Cassie Bailey, Derek Kowal, Olivia Barlow  
 Row Two: Randy Degani, Elizabeth Ryzak, Christopher LaMendola, Jamie Freeman, Brimey Hill, Audalyse Parquet  
 Row Three: Andrew Mazur, Matt Melton, Don Gadberry, Megan Swanson, Billy Glass



During both B and C lunches, DECA sold freshly made cookies and occasionally other supplies also. Senior Steve Fleming, a member of DECA, sells cookies to freshman Kim Rodgers. Rodgers is one of many students who purchase cookies from DECA.

Busy sorting roses, freshman **Brianna Hill** prepares to deliver each one. The Student Council sold single or half of a dozen roses for Valentine's Day. "I like helping out with Student Council. We get to do a lot of different things for fundraisers," said Hill.

"I want to make the school a better place," said freshman Student Council member **Ashley Bell**, accompanied by freshman **Emily Dwyer**. During B lunch, students lined up prior to Valentine's Day to buy these roses which were delivered during seventh hour.



During seventh hour on Valentine's Day, freshmen **Ashley Parquet** and **Liam Weems** begin delivering Student Council roses to various students. "Being in Student Council is fun," Parquet said, "what we do effects the whole school."

Each year the Student Council creates a new, unique fundraiser. This year, students were able to pay to relax on a couch during a Varsity basketball game. Freshmen **Brianna Hill** and **Ashley Parquet** support the fundraiser. "I think this fundraiser was fun," Parquet said.



Voicing his opinion loud enough so that it can be heard, junior Class Council member *Avire Rodgers* discusses what he think would be a good idea for this years 2005 prom theme.

Working with student council in a classroom, seniors *Joy Lindsay* and *Avilae Mysel* discuss plans for the homecoming parade and court in October of 2004.



### What do Freshman Class Council members think of Class Council?

65% of the students said that it is hard work, but beneficial.

While in the auditorium, freshman *Camille Irving* and the all girls choir rehearse the songs "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," and "Santo Bring my boby back" in November of 2004.



### Senior Class Council

During float building for the 2004 Homecoming parade Senior Class Council threw broken up hot dogs at all the under classmen's floats



Row one: Katie Bonnan, Lisa Guzman, Joe Wagman, Julie Cservenak, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Russ Raddie Row two: Sara Brines, Joanna Tinich, Claudio Gutrola, Joy Lindsay, Ashlee Moses, Dave Melton, Jovanka Balac, Koja Johnson, Michelle Frascetti Row three: Star Sepulveda, Matt Melton, Ashley Burch, Jeff Martin, Veronica Cook, Whitney Gasaway, Darcy Goveri, Kristen Konoparsk Row four: Angel Escobedo, Ryan Walsh, Jim Swienconeck, Kevin Turok, Tim Vessell, Brett Newman, Fatimah Amara

### Junior Class Council

Junior Class Council members say that they are really happy because they are able to plan this years prom



Row one: Sidney Goveri, Caralyn Salczynski, Alan Kus, Andrew McMullin Row two: Laura Matovina, Lauren Clark, Sarah Williams, Andre Rodgers, Mallory Gallin, Krystal Uhm, Joy Hellen Row three: Cassandra Johnstone, Nicole Kubacki, Kristen Mathews, Caidin Terpstra, Jessica Koch



# Hard Work!!

Planning plays are a very important part in this school. Organizations such as Student Council, FCCLA, International Club, etc. have there plates loaded with planning. Being a member of all three of these clubs, I am able to support these groups by putting in my input on all of the upcoming events and activities.

Student Council is one of the organizations that requires a lot of planning. It takes weeks and weeks to come up with good ideas, decide if we want to do them, and get them approved by the principal. We recently had to put together committees to distribute "I-Flirtz," a compatibility test for everyone to see who they're compatible with in this school. We also had to get together a rose committee which included myself, Jamie Freeman, and other

members. On Valentine's Day, we had to go to the Student Council room and wrap over 500 roses for people who sent roses to their sweethearts.

Along with Student Council, International Club also requires a lot of work too. February 8, 2005, we delivered international club members had to organize mardi grams and distribute them during 7th hour. Stapling all of those beads and paper gave me cramps in my hands. Planning is really important because if things aren't planned, a lot of things can go wrong and it will be all unorganized. If this happens things will look messy, unprofessional, sloppy, and obviously unplanned.

Story By: Jamie Freeman

Page By: Aundalyse Parquet



Junior *Tiffany Gray* makes a demonstration discussing the choices that need to be made for prom. "It's nice to have my opinion put into things," said *Tiffany*. The committee voted for prom colors and songs as well as the theme for the dance.

Hoping for the best ideas for this year's 2005 prom, juniors *Carline Terrence*, *Amyne Rodriguez*, and *Nicole Koleski* struggle to decide for a theme color during class council. "Class Council is fun because we get to plan prom," said *Terrence*.

## Sophomore Class Council

Sophomore Class Council has 16 members and they are all dedicated to making the Sophomore class experience a good one



Row one: Megan Swanson, Elise Garcia, Alexa Gonzalez  
Row two: Kelly Redden, Amy Miles, Jessica Phillips, Jelena Pupac, Kristyn Maynard, Olivia Barlow  
Row three: Molly Orzechowicz, Curt Konopasek, Karrie Obranovich, Dan Woloszyn, Ruth Zenke, Zorin Kvirgic, Kelly Staszak

## Freshman Class Council

Freshman Class Council consists of 21 students who work hard to achieve goals targeted specifically to the freshman class



Row one: Cassie Bailey, Amanda Koleski, Aundalyse Parquet, Olivia Martinez  
Row two: Ashley Roll, Brimley Hill, Kathryn Galambos, Lauren Pollard, Shella Suez, Nicole Koleski, Antonette Rodgers  
Row three: Justin Allen, Courtney Tomaszewski, Caitlyn Lackey, Emily Cioroiaru, Jamie Freeman, Elizabeth Ryzak  
Row four: Jeff Reyna, Ashley Davis, Jeremy Maddox, Auvon Chandler, Rachel Convery

## Reflector

To stay motivated and keep up the hard work, the staff boosts morale with a song by Tony Chestnut. They add very cool choreography to this children's song. Aah, someone to show you!



Row One(L-R): Kaya Gorderva, Jennifer Handley, Doug Abbott, Andrew Mazur, Kendra Terzian  
Row Two: Ashley McDonald, Emily Adams, Melissa Wilczynski, Arnie Palmer, Laura Solivas, Lauren Beze, Kristina Kraiko  
Row Three: Lyndley Clarkson, Elise Dixon, Andrew McMullin, Adam Vania, Ashley Cogdill

## Panther Press

Every other Wednesday, the staff stay at school to be ready to send the paper to the publisher, sometimes up to 11:30 at night! To stay up, they consume about four bags of popcorn!



Row One(L-R): David Melton, Kristina Kraiko  
Row Two: Andrew Mazur, Michael McCrary, Ashley Cogdill, Greg Rucinski, Andrew Wright, Olivia Barlow  
Row Three: Jennifer Handley, Elyse Janke, Adam Bradner, Dennis Glade, Emily Cuka, Matthew Melton

Trying out for the fall school play, seniors Bradley Glidewell and Ashlee Moses and junior Cassandra Johnstone search for their best inspiration about craziness. Glidewell got the lead male role. "Poe was weird, 'cause I had to be depressed all the time," said Glidewell.



Lyndley Clarkson



Performing her lines, junior Bridget Vechey's character woke up after having been buried alive. "Most of the time, I would stay in the coffin and sleep there 'cause it was dark!" said Vechey. The stage crew spent about 100 hours building props like this coffin.



Laila Beratto

Some students are seriously involved in drama, and practicing dancing parts became easier for them. Seniors Julie Cserevenak and Bradley Glidewell are such students. They have been involved in almost every plays and musicals since their freshman year.

Flipping into the air, junior Jessica Kach and senior Michael Albright rehearse the dancing part of the musical's opening scene. Contrary to other plays, the musical include a hard work on choreography. "It's really scary because Mike [Albright] is in control and I'm not!" said Kach.



Laila Beratto

Practicing their song on stage with the band, juniors Laurie Matavina, and Andre Rodgers, and freshman Dwight Pool try to incarnate Tammy, his dad, and his mom from the famous musical "Tammy" by The Wha.



## The Edge

"The Edge" came out in the fall of 1990. This year's staff prefers to work on "The Edge" because all of them can design, write and take photos, not as in the others publications where jobs are more specific.



Trisha Brumley, Melony Cabrales, Nicole Reba, Jaquelyn Ranck.

## Quill And Scroll

The members of Quill and Scroll are outstanding students from the school publications, Reflector and Panther Press. They get to graduate with special cords!



Row One: Jennifer Handley, Doug Abbott  
Row Two: Lyndley Clarkson, David Melton, Emily Cutka

Making a creepy scene funny, seniors Mike Albright, Jon Ashenbough, Michael Wilson and Corey Fitzgerald use their comic side to make the audience laugh. "I thought the scene went pretty well because Jon, Micky and Mike are just that goofy in life!" said Albright.



Lyndley Clarkson

Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

Pumped-up, senior Andrew Tolson and junior Derek Kowal dance the twist around the paint ball machine during a rehearsal for the spring musical, Tommy. "This scene is fun because I get to put Dwight (Poole) into a trash can and roll him around the stage," said Kowal.

## Plays, Musicals, and Drama



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"One time, the girls in drama put pads on (senior) Brad Glidewell's car and he said it ruined the paint. He got really angry. Later, they found out he wasn't furious! He acted like he was angry just to scare them!"

-Jace MacMillin, 11

"I like being involved with other people that I wouldn't get involved with otherwise. I also like to act 'cause I enjoy becoming someone else. In this play, it was a hard character. I had to invent it and use my best judgement."

-Amy Fitzgerald, 9

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# Showing Off Your Talent

"One thing that colleges look for in their applicants is extra curricular activities that add to the appeal as well-rounded students. Choir is an excellent way to show your versatility. Being in a musical activity helps you in another class such as math. Learning with fractions and other much needed mathematical skills. Choir also offers a great skill that is needed later in life: cooperation. Without this skill choir students wouldn't learn to cooperate with each other, but also with their teachers.

Choir also helps you meet new people who love to sing also. Someone who may never have thought to talk to in your choir class, from that a friendship could spawn. Choir is a great way to communicate and possibly make friends with lower and upper

classmen. Often times, high schoolers lost and alone in their growing up process. Finding a way to express yourself definitely eases the pain of the trails and tribulations. Being able to express yourself through choir and music is a greatly rewarding outlet for Griffith High School teens. Choir is practically the perfect class for the average high school teen. Choir provides a challenge and takes hard work and determination. Students learn cooperation, determination, and even some mathematical skills along the way. Choir class that offers students an opportunity to better themselves."

Story By: Allison Colgrove

Page By: Rachel Convery

During Art Club, one of the many after-school clubs offered at Griffith High School, junior Arkadiusz Ryzak, puts some of the finishing touches on his project. Jim Groff teaches this after-school club.



Jordan Bruno

## Choralettes

The choralettes have 46 girls in the choir which is the first hour of the school day



ROW ONE: Kim Theriault, Mary Oleszczak, Shantia Brock, Kim Talar, Caitlyn Scott, Christa Stue, Jessica Simpson, Leah Morton, Kelly Redden, Me. Jancuszek ROW TWO: Stephanie Gilman, Theresa Sanchez, Vanessa O'Brien, Krystal Maynard, Jenna Pope, Megan Verbeke, Jamie Thiel, Karina O'Brien, Elizabeth Hancock ROW THREE: Naomi Lyle, Jenna Peltier, Danielle Wilcox, Caitlyn Messier, Coia Armstrong, Jessica Gerlich, Brittany Erickson, Miranda Peyer, Sara Moore, Stephanie Hansen ROW FOUR: Lori Wambach, Melony Schmitt, Alexa Gonzalez, Olivia Wagnan, Kate Kinsdon, Kelle Johnson, Becky Currow, Amanda Tharp, Sue Higgins, LeShonda ROW FIVE: Ashly York, Kary Olanowicz, Elizabeth Sanford, Alana Mausa, Megan Swanson, Danielle Fierstein, Tiffany Lebowitz, Kate Horn, Ruth Zemel

## Girls' Chorus

The girls' chorus is made up of 27 girls and is directed by Eddie Cocarubias. Out of those 27 girls there was 6 girls who were in ISSMA



ROW ONE: Kelly LaMendola, Chloé Auerbach, Nicole Frisbee, Melissa Arnold, Jamie Walickiewicz, Jennifer Ross, Christina Piccini, Mark Jancuszek ROW TWO: Melissa Frisbee, Amanda Koleski, Elizabeth Hysak, Karla Aguilera, Kim Rogers, Courtney Tomaszewski, Jennifer Lawrence, Amber Reed ROW THREE: Nicole Koleski, Amy Fitzgerald, Allison Colgrove, Ali Hartman, Emily Christensen, Allison Sage, Candice Trapp ROW FOUR: Rachel Convery, Anna Abbott, Ellen Hurdick, Amanda Schlesinger, Allison Hancock





Jordan Bruno

Sophomore **Danny Deleget** is thinking over the new Fine Arts information over Russian Culture. Russian is the topic for this years Fine Arts Superbowl Competition.

During Fine Arts Superbowl, which is one of the Superbowls offered at Griffith, freshman **Anya Fitzgerald**, is learning some new information on Russian Arts. Bob Deleget, moth, teaches them so that they can be in the Competition.



Jordan Bruno

How many kids are in  
choir at GHS: 162  
How many students  
competed in ISSMA: 25  
How many made it to  
state: 11

## Chorale

The Chorale performed on NBC on February 28th, 2005. They sang "O Danny Boy," which was one of the songs they sang for their winter concert.



ROW ONE: Danny Lewis, Kelley Judo, Nicole Rogers, Kephah Johnson, Tiffany Gibbs, Mick Jancosek, ROW TWO: Alan Kie, Josema Trinch, Chris Chappa, Ashlee Moses, Jeff Martin, Laura Matovina, Steven Hemmang, Erin Doherty, Kevin Hiron, ROW THREE: Mick Schoon, Tim Vessel, Jim Swenconek, Alyson Laurencell, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Joe Wagnan, Brett Newman, Mike Albright, ROW FOUR: Mira Wilczyrski, Arkadiusz Rynak, Torsley Sakovich, Rich Lehmann, Veronica Cook, Brad Connell, Amanda MacFarlane

## Choralaires

The Choralaires are made up of 17 boys and they have Baritone and Tenor Baritone are for the lower pitched voices and the tenors are for higher pitched voices.



ROW ONE: Matt Cavazos, Tim Schell, Billy Hilbrich, Steven Bakko, Dan Rukes, Dwight Poole, ROW TWO: Jonathon Little, Raymond Wilson, Billy Glass, Tyler Walk, Josh Long, Zach Koch, Mark Jancosek, ROW THREE: Nicolas Ficht, David Johnson, Kirk Villaseenor, Andrew Anderson, Steven Aguilera

## 9<sup>th</sup> ACES

They were right  
before each field,  
they go on about  
where they are  
going and leave  
clumps about it.

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ROW ONE: Casey Nunez, Keegan Kiral, Brittany Evanich, Billy Hilbrich, Amy Fitzgerald  
ROW TWO: Theresa Ramos, Ellen Hurdish, Jake Terpstra, Kyle Najar, Josh Long

## 10<sup>th</sup> ACES

They were right  
before each field,  
they go on about  
where they are  
going and leave  
clumps about it.

There are ten  
people in the  
field trips  
with them.

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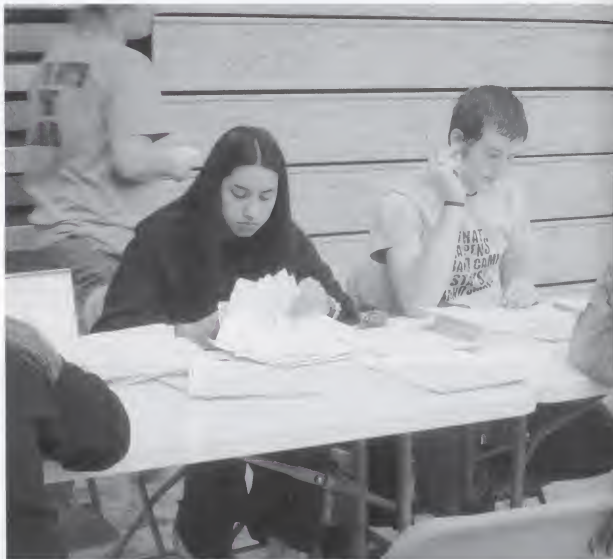
ROW ONE: Caitlin Race, Lisa Worley, Evan Hixon, Jessica Gerlich, Billy Cahill  
ROW TWO: Theresa Ramos, Randall Zellers, Matt Kuna, James Bobowski, Eric Ritter



Lyndley Clarkson

Sitting quietly, juniors Laura Salazar, Jessica Yeague, and James W. Folski listen to new ideas and upcoming events during a student council meeting. "I like having an input with what's going on in the school. That's why I am in Student Council," Salazar said.

Senior Rosalinda Sendayas and junior Jace McMillin work the registration booth at the band sponsored blood drive. Band council members were required to work and section leaders were allowed to if they wanted. The money they raised will go towards new uniforms.



Trying to get it perfect, senior Brail Griefswell runs through a scene for the fall play that was a compilation of the famous stories and poems by Edgar Allen Poe. It was fittingly called "Poe's Midnight Deary." Griefswell played the role of Poe.



There are nine  
people in  
junior class

Good heavens, but  
it's a sight to  
behold! The  
world is  
a very different  
place than  
it used to be.

They always do  
a pre-lesson  
before a field  
trip.

Thank family  
wishes you  
completely and  
you by Anna.



ROW ONE: Sidney Govert, Andrew Mazur, Alan Kus,  
Joy Helfen, Timothy Garibay  
ROW TWO: Caitlin Terpstra, Lyndley Clarkson, Nicholas  
Leep

This year senior aces took a trip to see The Blue Man Group.

You went to  
Cokeville  
factory and  
saw how it was  
made.

There are nine  
people in  
senior ages.

asked me to  
meet any  
officers



ROW ONE: Jessica Beemsterboer, Julie Cservenak, Matthew Melton, Claudio Gurrola, Amy Parker, Allison Durham  
ROW TWO: Don Gadberry, Kevin Torok, Brett Newman



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson

"I thought the camp was a lot of fun, but it was hard teaching all of those little girls," said sophomore Jessica Phillips. Phillips is joined here by several of the little girls that participated in the little girl's camp that the Pantherettes hold every year.

Your heart circulates about one million gallons of blood  
each year.

The U.S. Secret Service was originally created in 1865 to prevent people from making counterfeit money

A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in just one night.

The Philadelphia Mint makes 26 million pennies a day.

In Iceland, tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult.

A hard working adult sweats up to 4 gallons per day,  
but most of it evaporates before they notice.

More Monopoly play money is printed in one year, than  
real money is printed throughout the world.

General Motors produces 7 million engines a year.

Page By: Amie Palmer

Cutting out a sign at a Booster Club meeting, sophomore **Danell Williams** pouts at the lack of help. "We were making posters for winter sports," **Williams** said, "and most of the people there, were cheerleaders and pontherettes."

"Mr. [Edward] Covarrubias wanted to work with the people who are singing ISSMA solos on Saturday, so we didn't have anything to do but play cards," said senior **Jessica Becerra**, seen here playing cards with juniors **Jarvis Love** and **Mark Flahig**.

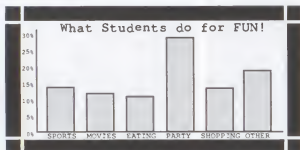
Hanging posters onto lockers for Booster Club, sophomore **Madison Castaneda**, and sophomore **Amber Cramer** puzzle over their situation. "There were a lot of posters that needed to be hung up," **Castaneda** said, "and not a lot of people were helping."



Jennifer Handley



Amber Palmer



Sophomore **Frank Lopez** attempts to stick a whole jawbreaker into his mouth during a free time of a pep bond game. "I have put an entire jawbreaker in my mouth many times before," **Lopez** said. Since the fifth grade, **Lopez** has been in the bond and plays the tuba.



Lynley Clanton

## Thespians

In order to be a thespian, you have to be in a certain amount of plays, or be involved in one way. The thespians get together for some time each week and if they reach a certain amount of plays, they receive a star. They also get to be in the play. They like to be in the play. They like to be in the play. They like to be in the play.



Row One: Alyson Laurencell, Ashley Stevens, Crystal Chandler, Derek Kowal, Ashlee Muen, Heidi Gerdes, Kelley Juko Row Two: Andre Rodgers, Julie Cerverna, Cassandra Johnstone, Ashion Kepple, Sara Brines, Lisa Guzman Row Three: Kevin Horn, Jeff Martin, Mike Albright, Andrew McMullin, Jon Ashenbaugh, Brad Gidewell, Matt Melton

## Bowling Club

Bowling club gets together on every Thursday. They have a lot of fun. Jason Gent is the sponsor. Three strikes in a row is called a turkey. A perfect game is 300. The best player is the hardest to split to pick up. If they don't have a shot, they have to rent them.



Row One: David Melton, Jason Gent, Julie Cerverna Row Two: Tamiya Noma, Justin Loe, Matthew Loe, Justin Allen, Zoltan Salas, Jessica Boger Row Three: Justin Hauer, Andrew Mauer, Brad Papa, Jessica Phillips, Lisa Markat, Amy Miles, Jennifer Harder, Matthew Rechelt, Briss Gally Row Four: Claudia Byrnes, Olivia Wagnan, Ezer Garcia, Shari O'Neil, Corey Nash, Ashley Coghill, Kate Klinef, Karina Daniels, Jena Papa, Christopher Chapa Row Five: Janelle Darrell, Kyla Johnson, Dan Wakony, Adam Vais, Carl Elmer, Matthew Melton, Kyle Kalkola, Tiffany Lister, Kevin Horn Row Six: Scott Barre, Mark Harnes, Josh Cunningham, Eric Burnard, Kevin Torok, Steve Burnard, Keith Dwyers, Jimmy Pach, Andrew E. Thomas





## Student Council

Did you know that student council has a make your mark committee that meets with Linda Kinsale once a month to discuss things that the student council thinks can help improve the school. Student council has about 7-8 fundraisers a year.



Row One: Justine Yeager, Ashley Moses, Jaci McMullin, Joy Lindsay, Becky Currow, Laura Matovina Row Two: Britney Hill, Justin Allen, Caitlyn Lackey, Emily Cioroianu, Laura Solivaia, Justin Louie, Aundalyse Parquet Row 3: Cassie Bailey, Andre Rodgers, Sarah Williams, Cassandra Johnson, Jeanette Soy, Matt Melton, Angela Fullilove, Ashley Roll Row 4: Jamie Walczewski, Jessica Wachowski, Jeff Martin, Kevin Meece, Brandi Lewis, Veronica Cook, Antonette Rodgers

## S.A.D.D.

Something not many people know about S.A.D.D. is that it previously stood for students against drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. But now it stands for students against dangerous decisions. In 2003 it moved to make it easier for the groups to discuss different issues. S.A.D.D. is one of the few clubs at GHS that students can join in the middle of the year.



Row One: Ashley Cagill, Ashlee Crundwell, Sarah Williams, Jaci McMullin, Laura Matovina, Kristin Mathews Row Two: Nicole Fritze, Britney Hill, Antonette Rodgers, Britney Erickson, Jordan Adams, Matthew Rochetti, Aundalyse Parquet, Kim Thraak, Officer Starkovich Row Three: Elise Dixon, Jamie Walczewski, Ashley Moses, Andre Rodgers, Jarrette Soy, Samantha Schuster, Matt Andrews, Mike McCray, Joy Lindsay, Lisa Dixon Row Four: Arlene Tolson, Melissa Smith, Aaron Chandler, Billy Glas, Veronica Cook, Mahoud Isa, Scott Holdren, Heather Crundwell, Elizabeth Ryzak, Shellee Gomez

Putting his talent to good use, senior ~~Lehmann~~ diligently plays the piano for the seniors at the senior center. "I have been playing the piano since about second grade. I don't really have any favorite songs to play, mainly just modern music," Lehmann said.



## Personal Interview With Emily Cioroianu

Page By: Laura Solivaia

### Questions: > Answers:

Q: What is the farthest place you have been to on a field trip?

A: The farthest place I have been to on a field trip would most likely be Chicago.

Q: What is the best field trip you have been on? Why?

A: The best field trip I have been on would probably be in second grade when we got to go to the zoo.

Q: What do you do while your on the bus to help pass the time?

A: To help the time pass on the bus I usually just sit there and talk to my friends and do other stuff.

Q: Why do you go on field trips?

A: I go on field trips because it is nice to get out of school and get a break from all the time we have to spend here.



## Booster Club

Getting students fired up and getting them to have school spirit is a few things the Booster Club is known for. Did you ever wonder who decorates the "C" hallway entrance on homecoming? Booster Club is the one responsible for making it look so fun.



Row One: Kelly Redden, Samantha Barling, Brooke Miller, Ashley Schaller, Lauren Marnon, Nathan Vaughn, Crystal Gonzalez, Lauren Witwicki, Anne Hernandez, Karie O'Hara, Row Two: Amber Detmar, Alana Harman, Kelley Shook, Lauren Brown, Cherie Lee, Nicole Koleski, Molly Oczkowski, Christina Lozano, Chae Andrich, Alana Harman, Row Three: Sierra Sosa, Samantha Kelly, Rae Dixon, Rachel Cooney, Jennifer Soy, Ryan Berry, Amy Haran, Kathryn Galambos, Amanda Koleski, Kyle Young, Row Four: Jolene Papp, Melony Cabral, Lauren Conka, Miranda Pope, Brittany Eversich, Amy Miles, Kelley Clougherty, Danielle Wilson, Jessica Phillips, Jordana Tinch, Mike Albright, Brandon Pollard, Allison Colgrove, Ashley Burkh, Day, Abigail, Kristen Schaefer, Megan Surber, Drew Reagnese, Mike White.

## International Club

Pen pals was something the International Club decided to try. Students were able to get a dollar and choose a country to receive a pen pal from. Students were able to buy as many pen pals as they wanted. Some countries were Thailand, South America, Europe and many more. It was just one of the fundraisers they do.



Row One: Ricky Barnes, Jonathan Baker, Joe McMillan, Ashley Baruch, Charles Cole, Ashley Johnson, Timothy Gierhart, Mrs. Martinez  
Row Two: Jessica Koch, Olivia Barlow, Ericka Johnson, Cathy Ruckstuhl, Katelyn Johnson, Mallory Galt, Corrie Harris, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Sara Brown, Amy Parker, Jessica Beemerboon, Lauren Clark, Ashley Roll, Candice Tripp, Taliaha Munro  
Row Three: Aundalove Parquet, Ken Markat, Krystin Maynard, Samantha Higgins, Matt Aubrey, Audrey Tolson, Tati Dineen, Ashley Moses, Sheline Gomez, Joy Lachon, Whitney Gansway, Alex Gonzalez, Shaded Issa, Henry Hill, Kate Cervinski, Lisa Guzman  
Row Four: Matt Berry, Janie Walekiewicz, Amanda Crook, Emily Chiofami, Jeremy Maddox, Ashley Dixon, Rachel Cooney, Brittany Erickson, Andre Rodgers, Sarah Williams, Trisha Brumley, Allison Colgrove, Latencia Webb, Samantha Royal, Autumn Rodgers  
Row Five: Kelle Johnson, Randy Degani, Aaron Chandler, Crystal Chandler, Amanda White, Karolina Damski, Mike Albright, Elise Garcia, Jeanette Soy, Billy Glam, Elizabeth Ryzak, Becky Curnow, Rosalinda Sander, Row Six: Eliana Hernandez, Josh Gonzalez, Veronica Cook, Ashley Crandwell, Heather Crandwell, Adam Casper, Frank Davis, Lily Collier, Linda E. Bazzano, Kelle Young, Jason Tucker, Brandon Pollard



Lindley Clarkson



Ashley Cogdill

The first thing that goes through my mind when I find out about a field trip I get to go on is "where are we going to eat at for lunch, or are we going to eat at Old Country Buffet because I love eating there when we go on field trips," junior **Tammy Gansway** said.

Juniors **Jay Mathis** and **Emily Collins** play a quick hand of cards. The two girls went on a field trip with National Honor Society. NHS takes a variety of field trips. Some of the trips are more laid back, while other field trips are geared towards making a difference in the community.



Ashley Cogdill



Lindley Clarkson

Taking a bite out of his lunch, junior **Austin K...** kicks back and enjoys himself for a little while. The best part about going on a field trip is "getting out of class because I don't have to worry about any kind of school work or anything like that," **K...** said.

Fighting over a shot senior **Roselinda Sander** gives her shoulders a shrug wondering why her shot didn't count. "I like playing pool because it's something that I like doing and plus I own a pool table, so I can play whenever I want to," **Sander** said.

Eating outside in the courtyard during lunch, seniors Mathew Beshents and Bradley Gildewell and junior Jacob Gee enjoy the nice weather. "I like eating outside but I wish we could bring the school food out," Beshents said.

At the varsity girl's sectional basketball game, junior Drew Rogowski dresses up like a cheerleader to show his support for the team. "We were showing our school spirit. My girlfriend, Stephanie Brown, pointed junior Jared (Magik) and me," Rogowski said.



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Freshman William Hibbs practices for the winter concert choir. "I like singing, so it was great. The concerts are a wonderful experience for me. I was glad of the outcome. There was a lot of talent," said Hibbs.

At the talent show sponsored by the publications staffs and Student Council, sophomore Chris Parker acts out a Chris Tinkley skit as a comedy act. "It was a lot of fun, and since I've known all the lines for like two years, it wasn't hard to learn," said Parker.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson





# With hopes and dreams...

"My dream is to be an optometrist so that I can help people see the light."

Santana Adams, 12

"My dream is to be a forensic psychologist and to get married."

Darcy Govert, 12

"My dream is to be a dietary nutritionist and help people live a healthy lifestyle."

Wendy Holmes, 12

"My dream is to graduate from college and to get a good job and start a family."

Todd Polgar, 12

"My dream is to walk the streets of New York as a successful business woman."

Shamoh Trauscht, 12

"My dream is to live a long, healthy life with loving friends and family."

Bobby Bridgroom, 11

"My dream is to live a good life."

Brandon Carpenter, 11

"My dream is to do good in college and to just have fun in general."

Josh Gonzalez, 11

"My dream is to be an anchor woman for a national network. I want to be the next Dianne Sawyer."

Laura Matovina, 11

"My dream is to be a Purdue cheerleader and then a Indiana Colts cheerleader."

Lalitha Minton, 11

"My dream is to live in California and have a palm tree in my back yard."

Elyse Janke, 10

"My dream is to play college football and to have a wife and kids."

Benjamin Geffert, 10

"My dream is to be happy in life no matter what the situation is."

Kevin Meece, 10

"My dream is to marry a rich guy so that I don't have to do anything at all."

Andrea Namoni, 10

"My dream is to get rich easy and fast by winning the lottery."

Zachary Udelatz, 10

"My dream is to go into medical school to become a pediatrician so that I can help little kids."

Raquel Aguilera, 9

"My dream is to play professional football and to be rich."

Doug Ashenbaugh, 9

"My dream is to go to college to play baseball."

Erik Lebengood, 9

"My dream is to be a pitcher in the big leagues for the Chicago White Sox."

Jerami O'Brien, 9

"My dream is to do something in film or music."

Allison Stage, 9



Jennifer Handley

Lyndley Clarkson

"Rocket lab was awesome, fun, and exciting! Ms. KV really knows how to have a good time, said senior *Britt* Howleson, *Heather* and senior *Angela* Escobedo were lab partners for their physics rocket lab.

Who we  
K  
now

# Senior Superlatives

The ballots are in!



Miss Wilcanski & Danny Lewis  
Prettiest Eyes



Kyle Young & Veronica Cook  
Most School Spirit



Dan & Julie Cisarovich  
Funniest



Rosalinda Mendez & Juan Escobedo  
Most Athletic



Ben Smerconet & Elise  
Best Smile



Ray Sexton & Samantha Buirog  
Best Dancer



Brian Newman & Kellie Linko  
Best to Bring Home to Mom & Dad



Amanda Schmitz & Jason Gilge  
Most Artistic



Matty & Jay Lindsay  
Most Likely to Succeed



John Simon & Maria Hernandez  
Best Hair



Katelyn Johnson & Rich Lohman  
Most Musical

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 V Most School Spirit V  
 V Funniest V  
 V Most Athletic V  
 V Best Smile V  
 V Best Dancer V  
 V Best to Bring Home to Mom V  
 V and Dad V  
 V Most Artistic V  
 V Most Likely to Succeed V  
 V Best Hair V  
 V Most Musical V  
 V Class Clown V  
 V Most Likely to be Famous V  
 V Most Likely to Brighten V  
 V Your Day V  
 V Most Likely to Live in V  
 V Griffin Forever V  
 V Looks Most Different from V  
 V 9th Grade V  
 V Biggest Partier V  
 V Cutest Couple V  
 V Most Unique V  
 V Best Dressed V  
 V Best Body V  
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Anthony Johnson & Korynne Johnson  
Most Likely to be Famous



Matthew Beckers & Julie Corvonnak  
Class Clown



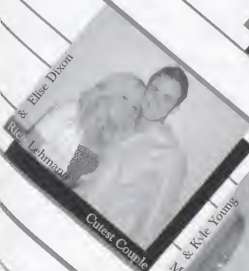
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Doug Ab  
Shannon  
Most Likely to Brighten Your Day



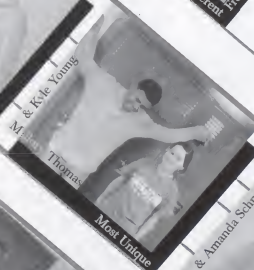
David Melina & Kristin Kinnawick  
Most Likely to Live in G-Town Forever



Brittany Miller & Matt  
Looks Most Different From 9th Grade



Elise Dixon & Rie Lehman  
Cutest Couple



Kyle Young & Thomas  
Most Unique



Eric Ronsburg & Shannon  
Biggest Partier



Chadwick Joseph & Chadwick  
Best Body



Brett Newman & Amanda Schmitt  
Best Dressed

# S 2005 D enior's Dreams

"My dream is to be a Super Trooper."

Mike Chesebrough

"My dream is to be famous, rich and live in Puerto Rico."

Sara Brines

"My dream is to be a successful pipefitter."

Chad Henson

"My dream is to marry a pro football player and have five kids."

Sarah Colat

"My dream is to be rich and make all the girls who turned me down in high school want me."

Dana Davis

"My dream is to have my boyfriend Michael take care of me for the rest of my life."

Megan Suda

"My dream is to become an editor of a magazine."

Doug Abbott

"My dream is to have Angel give me my ring."

Last Guzman

"My dream is to have my own island with all girls and three guy friends."

Bobby Rockwell

"My dream is to be successful and have a family."

Kaitlyn O'Brien

"My dream is to have tons of money and live on Rockwell's island."

Marc Monchovich

"My dream is to be a teacher and teach kids so one day they will make a difference."

Joanna Lynch

"My dream is to play division one football."

Richard Lohman

"My dream is to be a hair and makeup artist for runway models."

Megan Simon



Anjolie Rodgers, Kelly Jaska



Wendy Holmes



Sergio Maldonado, Santiana Adams

## Fun Facts for the class of 2005

Class Size: 167

Class Flower: Hibiscus

Class Colors: Emerald Green and Silver

Class Song: "Times Like These" by The Foo Fighters

Class Motto: "Ain't nothin' gonna break my stride

Nobody's gonna slow me down." Matthew Wilder

Senior Banquet: May 25, 2005, Chela's

Graduation: June 10, 2005, Main Gym

Valedictorian: Matthew Melton

Salutatorian: Joy Lindsay

Class President: Julie Cservanek

Vice President: Joseph Wagman

Treasurer: Kaitlyn O'Brien

Secretary: Lisa Guzman

Class Sponsors: Katie Bonnan

Russ Radtke



Derek Workman



Leslie Thomas





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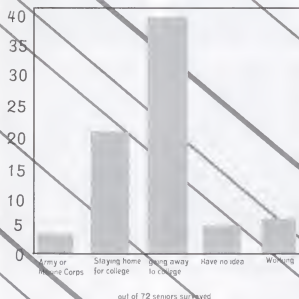
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Steven Fleming - (Juniata) (J)  
Michelle Frasciotti - (Juniata) (J)  
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Whitney Gasaway - (Juniata) (J)

## What are seniors doing after high school?



out of 72 seniors surveyed

Page By Lauren Beece



Brad Popa

Taking his time drawing a picture, senior Gorry Ciesla makes a project for his printmaking class. "Mr. Craft's printmaking class was a lot of fun. I enjoyed making all the projects, and it was a very easy thing to do," Ciesla said.

Rehearsing for Tommy, senior Jeff (above) makes sure he knows what he is supposed to do next. My favorite part of having the lead in Tommy was "having this lovely young lady interview me," *Melissa* said.



Lyndley Clark

Heidi Gerdes - Lander, B. 1971  
6'0", 120 lbs., 11/11/11, 11/11/11

Tiffany Gibbs - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
5'10", 110 lbs., 11/11/11, 11/11/11

Jasen Gilley - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
6'0", 120 lbs., 11/11/11, 11/11/11

Dennis Glade - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
6'0", 120 lbs., 11/11/11, 11/11/11



Bradley Glidewell - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
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Mindy Grahovac - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
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Darcy Gove - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
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Heidi Glade - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
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Brian Gulley - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
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Claudio Gurrola - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
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Lisa Guzman - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
5'10", 110 lbs., 11/11/11, 11/11/11

Mark Harnew - Vicksburg, B. 1971  
6'0", 120 lbs., 11/11/11, 11/11/11



Don Goodberry



Sarah Thorp



Drew Thomas



Megan Smith





Tracy Jimenez  
Garrett Johnson

Metamora School Graduate  
Trent Noyes State Representative  
Kojelyte Johnson - Varsity  
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Nicholas Lam-Chi

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Jamie Livingston



Lyndley Clarkson

"I'm excited about being a senior because we get to leave, but at the same time I'm nervous because I'll have to be an adult and have my own responsibility and not rely on my parents," said senior Lyndley Clarkson, pictured here getting books out of her locker.

## Top Ten Classes as Voted on by Seniors

1. Economics
2. Government
3. Ceramics
4. Aide
5. English
6. Textiles
7. APC
8. Adult Prep
9. Choir
10. Jewelry

Page by: Amie Palmer

Honorable Mention: Swanson's History

74 seniors polled



Audrey Johnson  
Lidia Kierga



Jovanka Bulac

Jennifer Martin





**Alison Labrencell** - *Senior*  
 1991-1992: *Chorus, BMV, FBL, Student Body*  
 1992-1993: *Student Body, FBL, BMV, FBL*  
 1993-1994: *Student Body, FBL, BMV, FBL*  
**Richard Lehmann** - *Junior*  
 1991-1992: *Chorus, BMV, FBL, Student Body*  
 1992-1993: *Chorus, BMV, FBL, Student Body*  
 1993-1994: *Chorus, BMV, FBL, Student Body*  
**Brandi Lewis**  
**Daniel Lewis**



**Joy Linsley** - *Senior*  
 1991-1992: *Chorus, BMV, FBL, Student Body*  
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**Marc Momcilovich** - *Senior*  
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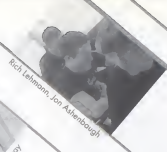


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A black and white portrait of a young man with short, dark hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.







## Most Memorable Moments

Page By: Megan Sudac

“My first turnabout with my first boyfriend.”

Heidi Gerde

“When (Mike) Cheesebrough fell down every step at the movie theaters and hit some guy in the back of the head with his shoe.”

Marc Monclovici

"Falling down at the pep really my freshman year in front of the whole school."

Joanna Trinich

“Breaking the 200 free relay record my junior year.”

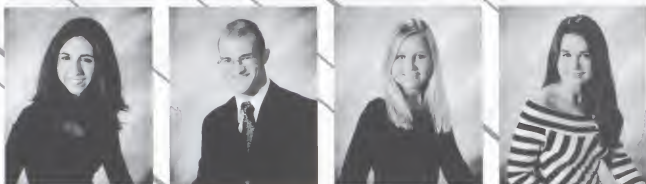
Jeff Martin

Reviewing his notes he had taken, senior Todd Polgar prepares for a test. "I don't study that much, but I make the grades," Polgar said. Polgar plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington for college.

Megan Sudac - *Class of 2001*  
 Chad Summers  
 Ryan Swanson  
 Jim Swienconeck - *Class of 2001*  
 Sarah Sharp



Sarah Sharp  
 Andrew Thomas  
 Lesley Thomas  
 Mallory Thomas



Joanna Tinich - *Class of 2001*  
 Artise Tolson  
 Audrey Tolson  
 Kevin Torrey - *Class of 2001*  
 Joanna Tinich



Throwing a project for Ceramics II,  
 senior Marc Massimelli  
 concentrates on what he's doing.  
 "It's kind of hard, but you have to do  
 it. I got it done and it looked okay,"  
 Massimelli said.

## Bet you didn't know

Page by Darci Lopez

"I have a GoldenLab  
 named Snoop."

Ray Sexton

"I can not stand feet!"  
 Adrienne Power

"I use Carmex every hour."

Angel Escobedo

"I'm an artistic  
 person."

Jasen Gilge

"Kristen Shultz is  
 my step sister."

Justin Culp

"I am, like, completely  
 obsessed with Paris Hilton."

Wendy Holmes





Brett Newman



Angela Brown



Brittany Miller



Jon Ashenbaugh



Gabe Towle  
Shannon Trauscht - 1997  
1997 National Football  
Association  
Andrew Troxel  
Jaime Verville



Timothy Vessel  
Joseph Wiegman - 1997  
1997 National Football  
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Ryan Walsh  
Roy Walter



Derek Wartman  
Kali Werkowski  
Mimi Wilczynski  
Stephanie Yorek



Kyle Young  
Sarah Zajac

# J 2006 D Junior's Dreams

"My dream is to play baseball for a living."

~ Trem Bierman

"My dream is to swim across the ocean."

~ Claudia Rybacki

"My dream is to play soccer with David Beckham."

~ Lauren Clark

"My dream is to go to college and get a good job."

~ Josh Etheridge

"My dream is to win the Noble Peace Prize."

~ Joy Helfen

"My dream is to be Nemo from *Finding Nemo*."

~ Josh Hoogeveen

"My dream is to be able to run across water."

~ Alicia Kielbasa

"My dream is to be an air traffic controller for the air force."

~ Gwen Jones

"My dream is to play baseball or softball with Paul Konerko."

~ Kendra Terzariol

"My dream is to be a meteorologist when I get older."

~ Colby Lamb

"My dream is to go SCUBA diving with Jennifer Aniston."

~ Thomas Leinker

"My dream is to meet John Mayer."

~ Christina Lozano

"My dream is to play in the NFL."

~ Christopher Mansanarez

"My dream is to drink exactly half the water in the ocean in 4.263 seconds."

~ Kyle Raduski

"My dream is to build a man eating snowman."

~ Zach Stevens

"My dream is to swim in a big bowl of red Jello."

~ Krystal Uhl

"My dream is to bench Zach Stevens."

~ Dennis Vessel

## How do you eat a Reeses Peanut Butter Cup?

Page By Ashley McDonald

"I usually eat around the outside, then I eat the middle in one big bite."

Josh Hoogeveen

"Normally I chew off the edges, slide off the top layer of chocolate then I eat the rest in one big bite."

Nicole Kubacki

"I pop the whole thing in my mouth, chew it up and swallow it."

Eric Andree

"I bite into it like it's nothing special."

Mallory Gatlin

"I eat the middle first then I stick the outer ring on my tongue and eat it."

Dustin Murray



"I was painting faces at Central Park for the centennial over the summer," junior Kristen Matthews said. "My sister was supposed to be doing it, but I was bored so I decided to take over for a little while." Matthews added.



Lyndee Clarkist



Andrew Rodgers



Matt Hallemann

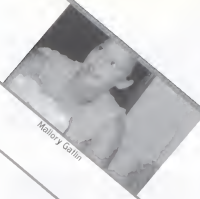


Drew Rodgers



Justine Yeager





Mallory Galin



Nickol Kozlov



Alen Kuc



Junior Class



Amy Baran



Emily Adams  
Roni Aldape  
Erin Nely  
Eric Andree  
Andrew Bailey  
Amy Baran  
Terry Barbara



Crystal Bechtold  
Lauren Bezze  
Brian Bell  
Natalie Bermudez  
Jeff Bertoni  
Trent Bierman  
Keith Boilek



Maja Bosnjak  
Adam Brandner  
Robby Bridgroom  
Shanna Brock  
Renee Cabrales  
Brandon Carpenter  
Crystal Chandler



Ashley Clough  
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Lyndley Clarkson  
Matthew Coddington  
Ashley Cogdill  
Steven Cope  
Heather Crundwell



Lauren Cason  
Josh Cunningham  
Emily Cutka  
Joseph Dapshis  
Zack Dietrich  
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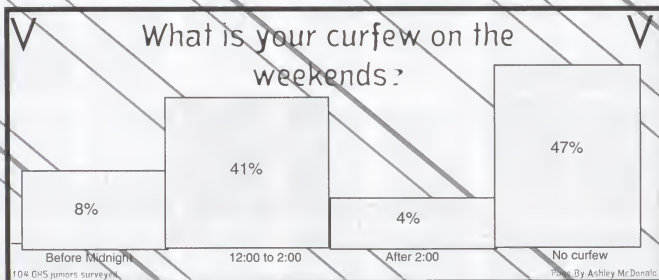
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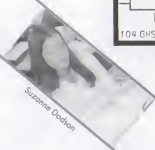
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Kristen Horn



Suzanne Dodson



Michael White



Crystal Chandler



Jeremy Lane



Colleen Trepava



Irina Malewsky





Christina Lozano



Darek Kowal



Renee Cobales



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Cassie Johnstone  
Gwen Jones  
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Alicia Kuelbasa  
Jessica Koch



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Marie Koselke  
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Zorica Kyrgic  
Michael Lafloun  
Jordan Lawsee  
Russ Lamb  
Chris LaMendola  
Jordan Landsman  
Nicholas Leep III



Tynsley Clarkson



Tynsley Clarkson

Yelling at activities day, juniors cheer on their class. "Activities day was fun this year," junior Jay Thomas said, "I love activities and I were probably the best three-legged basketball players ever."

Playing speedball, junior Christopher Mawhinney gives 100 percent. "We play speedball on Thursdays or Fridays in A.P. I love it and I even plan on going to the pros someday," Mawhinney said.



Thomas Lenker  
Adam Longoria  
Jeremy Love  
Christina Lozano  
Jarrod Macak  
Paul Major  
Kristina Majstoric



Tara Malewicki  
Chris Manzanarez  
Lauren Matinos  
Lisa Marshall  
Lauren Massa  
Kristen Matthews  
Anton Mathis



Tatara Matovina  
Kalia Matthews  
Andrew Mazur  
Alisa McCampbell  
Angela McCoy  
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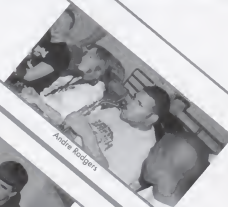
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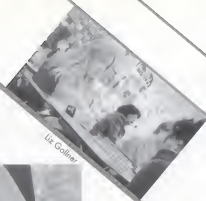


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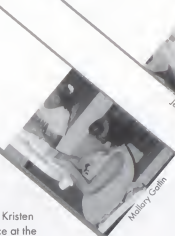
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Jessica Koch

Mallory Coats

With paintbrush in hand, junior Kristen Matthews paints a little girls face at the boy scouts craft fair. The fair was held at Central Park, and there was facepainting, food, and many crafts to admire or buy and take home.

Goofing off in English class, junior Adam Longoria pretends to fight with junior Arek Ryzak. Before getting settled at the beginning of class, the boys got goofy and then they sat in their seats.



Jennifer Handley



Jennifer Handley

Flipping through magazines at the end of class, juniors Russell Brundage, Jacob Bell, and John Gorkovs enjoy the magazine selection that Luann Morgan, history, has set out for her classes. Magazines are available to read for 4<sup>th</sup> hour Sustained Silent Reading.

## Greatest fears from future seniors...

### Pressures of a junior



The fact that I'll have to make my decision of where I'm going to go and what I'm going to do scares me.

Crystal Chandler



I don't have any fears. I just want to get out of here.

Melissa Kuzmanoff



Since I'm graduating half year, I'm afraid that I'm going to miss out on the regular senior stuff.

Ashley Stevens

Page By: Ashley Cogdell

Playing tug of war, the juniors are having a little bit of trouble. "It was really hard but it was a lot of fun. I was kind of upset when we lost," said junior Kristin Majors.



"Spray painting the field got me ready and pumped up for the game later on that night. It always helped to get like that for football season," junior Matthew Scheman said.



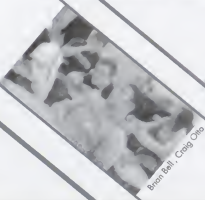
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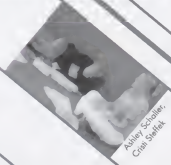
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Alex Wilcoxson



Joy Tullin



Renee Coltrane



Josh Gonzalez



Zachary Stevens  
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Caitlin Terpstra  
Kendra Tarzaria  
John Theriault  
Andrew Thomas  
Krystal Ulm



Adam Vania  
Brigid Vechey  
Brandon Veronesi  
Dennis Russell  
Jessica Wachowski  
Latricia Webb



Jenny Welch  
Michael White  
Alex Wilcoxson  
Sarah Williams  
Trevor Wood  
Rachel Wright  
Joeline Yeager

## Erika O'Connor's Timeline

October '04  
I got a new boyfriend.

December '04  
I got a new TV  
for Christmas.

February '05  
I worked at the Auto  
Show in Chicago for 10  
days! I made ~\$50.

November '04  
I had a Thanksgiving  
at my uncles.

January '05  
I got my license  
and I turned 17.

March '05  
I sold my house.

Brian Abbott  
Frank Alvarez  
Sahri Amari  
Josh Amos  
Mindy Anderson  
Brandon Archer  
Matt Aubrey



Matt Azpetta  
Matt Baccino  
Ashley Baker  
Olivia Barlow  
Bradley Begeske  
Ryan Berry  
Jimmy Bobowski



Jessica Boubier  
Jeanette P. Bregman  
Ryan Bridges  
Sara Bruck  
Brandon Brown  
Stefanie Brown  
Trisha Brumley



Jordan Bruno  
Nolan Bryan  
Rob Buchler  
Steve Burns  
Melony Cabral  
Bully Cahill  
Samantha Caldwell



Dan Calhoun  
Brian Clark  
Leondre Cobb  
Casey Colby  
Charlie Cole  
Geneva Coleman  
Alicia Collins



Andres Contreras  
Ashley Covington  
Ashlee Coundwell  
Rebecca Culpow  
Karolina Damski  
Frank Davis  
Matthew DeJesus



Beau Lembach



Justin Wright



Amber Daimar



Amber Liron



## Did You Know...

Children grow faster  
in the springtime

Prince Charles  
collects toilets

Blondes have more hair  
than dark haired people

The youngest  
pope was 11  
years old

In Denmark you have  
to pay a tax to use the  
backseat of your car  
for passengers.

35 percent of  
people who use  
personal ads  
are already  
married

The only food  
that doesn't  
spoil is honey

The largest recorded  
tumor was recorded  
at 303 pounds

There is a  
lupperware  
party every  
2 seconds in  
the world

1 in 8 people have  
been employed by  
McDonalds

They have  
square  
watermelons  
in Japan

15 percent of people  
secretly bite their  
toenails

Page By Lauren Becze

## Sophomore's Dreams

"My dream is to be the first professional woman motocross rider."

Kylie Johnson

"My dream is to become a photographer."

Brad Popa

"My dream is to get Cubs season tickets every year."

Jordan Bruno

"My dream is to be a famous soccer player."

Kyle Palina

"My dream is to be the first red headed famous softball pitcher."

Lisa Worley

"My dream is to be wealthy and famous."

Nate Lehman

"My dream is to watch Nate become wealthy and famous."

Corey Nash

"My dream is to be in the music industry."

Kiara Jones

"My dream is to meet Saosin."

Katie Horn

"My dream is that I will make a million dollars."

David Konopasek

"My dream is to be an engineer for Ford."

Brandon Archer

"My dream is to become a welder."

Robbie Robinson

"My dream is to be successful in whatever I decide to do."

Anna Williams

"My dream is to get married and have a good family."

Caitlin Moisan

"My dream is to be a professional baseball player."

Will Frels

"My dream is to be rich."

Beau Leimbach

Stephen DeRoll  
Amber Deuniar  
Kelli Dewees  
Nicholas Doell  
Jeremy Drach  
Anthony Drechyn  
Carl Elsner



Brittany Erickson  
Zach Eicht  
Danielle Fogarty  
Zack Forsythe  
William Frets  
Maegan Funk  
Elise Garcia



Adam Gasper  
Jacob Gaskiewicz  
Ben Geffert  
Jessica Gerlich  
Stephanie Gilman  
Krista Glidewell  
Alexis Gonzalez



Joseph Greichunos  
Oul Grigson  
Matthew Gurrola  
Chasmy Gwibalak  
Miles Hall  
Dustin Hammond  
Liz Hancock



Sean Hansen  
Stephanie Hansen  
Jasmine Heard  
Jennifer Henney  
Anna Hernandez  
Abbie Hicks  
Chris Higginbotham



Sophomore Elizabeth Zarnitski sits with junior Ince McMurrian having fun with her cell phone. "I had a lot of fun just sitting around and reading my text messages on my cell phone," said Zarnitski.



Lyndley Clark

Mia DeLuss

Brian Clark

Nathan Bryan

Sally Hansen

Elise Garcia



Carrie Olszewski



Joe Gruchala



Tony Drachy



Katie Horn



Samantha Higgins  
Evan Hixon  
Bryant Hobbs  
William Hobbs  
Kathryn Horn  
Katie Horn  
Derrick Huzzar



Elyse Janke  
Kolie Johnson  
Jeri Jones  
Holly Jusko  
Andrew Karpatt  
Brian Kayden  
Jasmine Kellum



Jason Kozwig  
Christina Kozig  
Katie Kleidon  
Jimmy Kleist  
Kristen Knoerzer  
Curt Konopasek  
David Konopasek



Ashley Korak  
Samantha Kulig  
Matt Kuna  
Zoran Kvirgic  
Jeremy Labadie  
Nathan Lohmann  
Mike Leibengood



Beau Leimbach  
Peter Lewis  
Tiffany Lidster  
Diego Lopez  
Steven Lopez  
Tyler Lowmeyer  
Michael Lutz

What was your favorite book, cartoon, or TV show when you were little?

> "My favorite TV show when I was little was The Rugrats."  
~Alissa Zoe

Page By: Katya Gordeeva

Deciding what to do next, sophomore Caitlyn Race concentrates on her web page in Michelle Duffalo's business, Computer Applications Advanced 1 class. "I like the fact that we get to design webpages and stuff in this class," said Race.



Brad Pope

Naomi Lyles  
Dan MacFarlane  
Kawilla Marshall  
Christopher Martin  
Alana Massa  
Kristyn Maynard  
Shea McCarthy



Allen McClendon  
Kevin Meece  
Joshua Mercer  
Amy Miles  
Jaqueline Miskiewicz  
Eric Miskuf  
Chad Moisant



Andrew Munko  
Dan Moore  
Sara Moore  
Leah Mullen  
Nick Mullens  
Andrea Naaman  
Ashley Nagy



## What was the best /worst part of your sophomore year?

Page By Casey Nunez

### BEST

"High school is already half over."

Alyssa Szo

"Playing football was probably the best."

Anthony Zarndt

### WORST

"The worst part is that there's a lot more required classes and less electives."

Sam Higgins

"I didn't get any of the electives that I wanted this year."

Austin Gasper

Kevin Meece, Katie Han

\* Robbin Boshen

Ambal Demar, Elise Joske

Sharon O'Keefe





Stacy Sanchez



Stefanie Brown



Ashley Look



Corey Nash  
Stephanie Nokes  
Sandra Novak  
Craig Nowakowski  
Karissa O'Brien  
Vanissa O'Brien  
Ashley O'Connor



Shawn O'Keefe  
Karrie O'Brumwich  
Molly Orzechowski  
Kyle Palanca  
Chris Parker  
Ashley Perry  
Ashley Peters



Jessica Phillips  
Chris Pilipow  
Samantha Ploskonka  
Kristina Plucinski  
Brad Rupa  
Victor Ruzo  
Miranda Ryan



Brad Pop



Kristen Horn

Relaxing and reading magazines, sophomores Jimmy Bobowski and Brian Koyler relax during Katherine Martinez's Spanish, Spanish II class. Students in Spanish II get to enjoy free time once their assignments are done.

In Michelle Conner's business, accounting class, sophomore Carolina Darnell reviews her assignment book. Accounting helps students develop good business and math skills.

Jelena Pupac  
Caitlin Race  
Amanda Rakowski  
Michael Ramer  
Jaqui Ranck  
Brittany Rawdon  
Nicole Reba



Kelly Rodden  
John Remy  
Eric Ritter  
Deandre Robinson  
Robert Robinson  
David Romesburg  
Aaron Salczynski



Stacy Sanchez  
Teresa Sanchez  
Melissa Schmidt  
Caitlin Scott  
John Scuria  
Nick Seller  
Samantha Shuster



Just waiting for class to end, sophomores Sabrina Hix and Miles Hall talk before the bell rings. "I would have to say that my favorite class this year was Mr. Hosting's class. I just really like learning about history," said Sabrina.



Summer Hosting

Nathan Bryan

Brian Abbott

Erin Moore

Jeanette Brinkman

Kamilo Mariscal

Joseph Lopez



Amanda Uram



Christopher Sophia



Karolina Daniluk



Nicholas Mullins



Jessica Simpson  
Steve Siokos  
Amy Sloan  
Chris Smith  
Alma Smolen  
Erik Smolen  
Christopher Sophia



Vincent Boy  
Casey St. Clair  
Christa Staes  
Stacina Stagner  
Elizabeth Stanford  
Kelly Siazak  
Felicia Sutton



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## What is the best thing about being a sophomore?

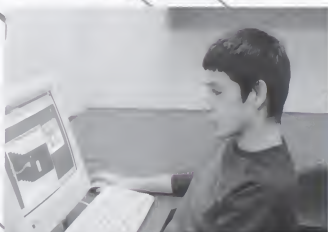


"Not being a freshmen anymore so I can qualify for varsity sports teams."

Alexis Gonzalez

"Picking on Freshmen."

William Murphy



Bradley Popo

"I was playing the game Helicopter on the Internet just to pass the time," said sophomore ~~Michelle Duffalo~~ <sup>Bradley Popo</sup>. ~~Quinn~~ <sup>Quinn</sup> was in Michelle Duffalo's, business, class at the time.

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Laway Toney  
Anthony Tropu  
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Kim Tutar  
Zach Uchitz



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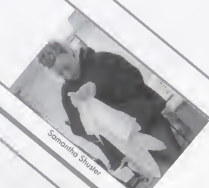
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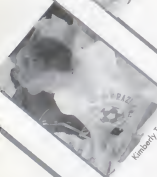
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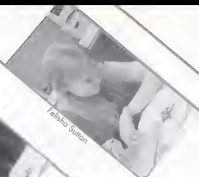




Vanessa O'Brien



Stephanie Brown



Felicia Sutton



Jimmy Dobrowski



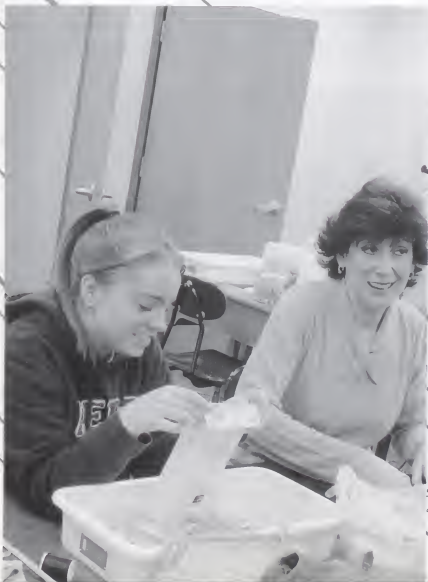
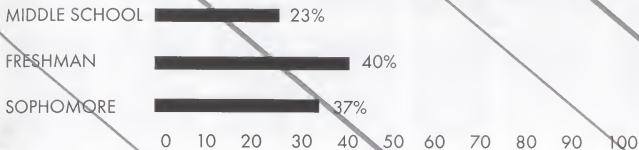
Corey St. Clair



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103 sophomore students were interviewed

## WHICH YEAR DO YOU THINK IS BETTER?



Brad Popo



Brad Popo

Enjoying freetime in class, sophomores Danielle Williams, Kim Theriault, and Corey St. Clair spend their time discussing the book that they had read during the class period. "English class this year was fun," said Williams, "I made new friends that I thought I would never talk to."

Confused about what to do next, sophomore Domatuszekowski gets assistance from Margie Keithley, family and consumer sciences. "I love watching the girls learn how to sew," said Keithley.

# F<sup>2008</sup>D reshmen DREAMS

"My dream is to go to college for law enforcement."

~Melissa Arnold

"My dream is to own my own restaurant."

Ashley Covington

"My dream is to get a scholarship in basketball and go to college."

~Trey Bailey

"My dream is to become a fashion major."

Kathryn Galambos

"My dream is to become a professional athlete."

~Derek Hitt

"My dream is to have more money than anyone else."

~Andrew Hixon

"My dream is to become a fashion designer."

~Lauren Pollard

"My dream is to become a professional motocross racer."

~Corey Henson

"My dream is to have a great family when I get older."

Samantha Mansanarez

"My dream is to become a fireman."

~Joe Cap

"My dream is to become a lawyer for famous people."

Sarah Kintz

"My dream is to be a basketball player for Duke."

~Jake Terpstra

"My dream is to be a tornado chaser."

~Melissa Falkner

"My dream is to make it to the NFL."

~David Alexander

"My dream is to go to college and have good grades."

~Brittany Jusic

"My dream is to finish high school and go on to college."

~Travis Stevens

Cheering as loud as they can against their junior peers, the freshman class enjoys Activity Day during the week of homecoming. "Screaming to show our class spirit was a lot of fun," said freshman *Britt Magallon*.

## Into their fresh mind

What was your worst fear about high school?

"I was scared that I would embarrass myself in front of the whole school 'cause they judge you."

Kyle D. Johnson

"I was scared not to have my friends in my classes."

~Jessica Rest

"I was scared not to fit in and not to be able to make new friends."

Jordynn Tibbs

What are your favorite things about high school?

"The teachers are really nice and helpful."

~Brittany Rias

"So many sports like soccer and swimming, and better choir teachers."

Zach Koen

"I got to talk to my friends more, so classes go by faster."

Marcus Hamilton

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Colby Rudinski



Amanda Pope, Alexis Hartman



Sarah Croves



Erica Johnson, James Freeman,  
Anthony Zamb, Daniel Velaz

Britney Hill

Len Meach

Doreen Heller



Joan Absack  
Anna Abbott  
Jordan Adams  
Kayla Aguilera  
Raquelle Aguilera  
Steven Aguilera  
Andrew Aken



Erika Aldape  
David Alexander  
Justin Allen  
Chloe Anderko  
Andrew Anderson  
Corey Anderson  
Mark Arndt



Melissa Arnold  
Douglas Ashenbaugh  
Erik Azzarello  
Cassie Bailey  
Jesse Bailey  
Stephen Bakko  
Steven Barnard



Laura Beaupain  
Jeffery Beese  
Taylor Blue  
Patrick Bogacz  
Brittany Bridges  
Adrian Burnham  
Kiayana Byrd



Najee Campbell  
Joe Cap  
Enrique Carrera  
Matthew Cavazos  
Auvon Chandler  
Marcus Chavez  
Emily Cloriano



Andrew Clark  
Breanna Clark  
Kelley Cloutessy  
Sarah Cole  
Allison Colgrove  
Anthony Concialdi  
Rachel Convery



Timothy Cooper  
Holly Crafton  
Sarah Craven  
Lindsey Creighton  
Amanda Crook  
Richard Cullen  
Kyle Dapshis

Ashley Davis  
Randy Degani  
Dante Domsic  
Pat Dorin  
Joseph Doe  
Jacob Edwards  
Samantha Esience



Brittany Evanich  
Melissa Falkner  
Jonathan Ferguson  
Nick Ficht  
Scott Finkum  
John Finkum  
Amy Fitzgerald



Jacob Fitzsimons  
Taylor Korchak  
Josh Francis  
Jeremiah Frank  
Jamie Kreamer  
Nicole Peckie  
Kathryn Galambos



## What do you think of Freshman Year?

"Freshman year went by very quickly. It was a good transition into the highschool and a over all great."

Ellen Hurdish



"I thought that freshman year went by real quick because the classes went by faster. We also had a lot more choices in classes, too."

Dan Domsic



"I like freshman year a lot and it was very enjoyable."

Travis Stevens

"Freshman year is a lot of fun and it is going to be the easiest of all the years."

Holly Crafton

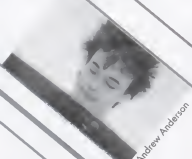


"It's a chance to start new and meet new people because you're not the oldest anymore and you get thrown into classes with different people."

Jordynn Tibbs



Kenna Kurpila



Andrew Addison



Matt Covatos  
Dwight Poole



Drew Salgado





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Cassidy Tripp, Sam Taylor

Kathryn Calambok, Trey Bailey

Monica Hamilton



Jeremy Gates  
Joel Gerber  
Kaitlyn Gibbs  
Billy Glass  
Chad Gonzales  
Kyle Gordon  
Briana Greenwell



Sara Greer  
Allison Hanchar  
Marcus Hamilton  
Alexis Hartman  
Justin Hauser  
Devin Heller  
Anthony Helton



Kerry Henson  
Alexandria Hernandez  
Antonio Herrera  
Billy Hilburn  
Britney Hill  
Derek Hitt  
Andrew Hixon



Jen Handley

During free time after learning an English lesson in Rachel Miller's English class, freshmen Dix Vella and Kyle Hixson catch up about new things going on around the school.

During Barbara Deleget's math, geometry enriched class, freshman Barbara Bridges looks over her notes. "It is a challenge and it is a lot different from eighth grade algebra last year," said Bridges.



Jordan Bruno

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A black and white portrait of a young woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing glasses and a dark V-neck top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

Jacelyn Scailie

Dan Volez

Julia Sokol



Lyndley Clarke



Kyle Johnson



Tony Long



Kelly Kinn



Marco Horvath



Michael Kujawski  
David Kujawski  
Daniel Kulinski  
Kenny Korpela  
Caitlyn Lackey  
Kelly Lamendola  
Morgan Landsman



Tony Latronica  
Christy Leal  
Erik LaBengood  
Tracy Long  
Lindsay Lewis  
Jonathan Little  
Josh Long



Michael Lopez  
Justin Louie  
Zachary Macak  
Jeremy Maddox  
Amber Magnot  
Ryan Magnus  
Danny Maglish



Jordan Bruno



Jennifer Handley

Freshmen Brooke Miller, Carlin Gibbs, and Jeff Beese talk with each other during free time in English class. "Mr. Miller always gives us time to do homework and talk and stuff," Miller said.

Flying through a vocab test, freshman Auvon Chandler never takes her time on weekly vocab quizzes. "The vocab tests are really easy. I never study for them and I finish them in about a minute," said Chandler.

John Magrath  
Samantha Sansanarez  
Kori Markut  
Lori Marsh  
Olivia Martin  
Billy Maywald  
Jessica Mendoza



Aaron Metzner  
Brooke Miller  
David Mills  
Andres Minton  
Anthony Moore  
Patricia Morehead  
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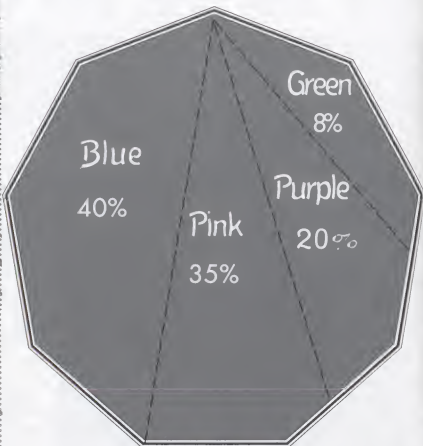
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Desmond Neylon  
Casey Perez  
Jimi Nunez



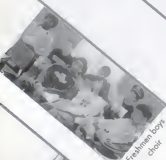
Lyndley Clarkson

Band members, freshman James Freeman and senior Nikki Gentry, play Catch Phrase with some of the other band members at a band bonfire. "You get to march and you also learn more in high school band than in middle school band," Freeman said.

If you were a nail polish color,  
what color would you be?



25 students surveyed



Freshman boys choir



Don Domic



Jamie Freeman, Brittany Rix





Matt Corvosa



David Mills



Drew Scigodo



Jeff Bocca



Jerami O'Brien  
Joseph O'Connor  
Doug Osborn  
Andy Palanca  
Aundalyse Parquet  
Lauren Pollard  
Dwight Poole



Miranda Pope  
Matthew Post  
Amanda Dean Purvis  
Elizabeth Ramsey  
Jeremy Ratajczyk  
Amber Reed  
Jeffrey Reyna



Brittany Rias  
David Ridder  
Caitlynn Robbins  
Deandria Robinson  
Antoinette Rogers  
Kim Rogers  
Ashley Roll

Presenting their Spanish project to the class, freshman Natalie Kivieski and sophomore Stephanie Hansen talk about the pictures on the poster board. The project required students to make a family tree, label the members in Spanish, then present their poster board to the class.



Jennifer Handley

Showing off the picture he made in drawing class for beginners, freshman Marcus Hamilton drew animals in a zoo for Nancy Ashton's art class. "I think it's fun to draw," said Hamilton.



Rachel Rornesburg  
Jessica Ross  
Samantha Royal  
Cathy Rutkowski  
Daniel Rumes  
Corey Rutkowski  
Elizabeth Ryzak



Zeljko Saban  
Andrew Salgado  
Anthony Salinas  
Joselyn Scafe  
Anthony Scalzini  
Kathy Scheffel  
Timothy Schell



Amanda Schleithammer  
Brett Schoon  
Timothy Schonka  
Nicole Sharpe  
Jeffrey Simon  
Joshua Sims  
Lorris Smith



Whaley Smith  
Michael Soos  
Terrance Spencer  
Alison Stage  
James Sternberg  
Davis Stevens  
Aaron Sudham



Andrew Cuda



Timothy Schonka



Stephen Bolkio



David Kujawa



John Tomlovich



Anna Hoffman



Brooks Miller  
Keilyn Gibbs



Karmah Korpala



Sheila Szabo  
Jessica Teasdale  
Stephen Teitel  
Jake Terpsa  
Andre Thomas  
Jordynn Tibbs  
Courtney Tomaszewski



John Tonkovich  
Joshua Towne  
Candice Tripp  
Daniel Valois  
Daniel Velez  
Tara Villa  
Cristall Villarreal



Kirk Villaseñor  
Janya Vogel  
Jeffrey Walczak  
Jamie Walenkiewicz  
Tyler Walen  
Mark Welch  
Brett West



Caleb Westfall  
Raymond Wilson  
Lauren Winecki  
Andrew Wiszowaty  
Michael Zajac  
Jose Zavala

## First year fears

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Adam Vana

"I didn't know where all of the classes were and if the teachers were mean or if they were helpful."

Tammy Collier

"I was afraid of the teachers. I came from a Catholic School so I thought the teachers at a public school would be more strict than teachers at my Catholic school."

My Religion

"I was afraid I would not be able to find a good enough place to sit at lunch, and have no place to put my food."

Dan Dore

Jeff Appel  
Nancy Ashton  
Barb Baldazo  
Richard Baron  
Katie Bonnan  
Marilyn Brunk  
Mary Cahill



Teresa Carstensen  
Gina Champagna  
Michelle Connor  
Martha Davis  
Barb Deleget  
Michelle Duffala  
Linda Einsle



Jason Gast  
Tom Golumbeck  
Jim Graff  
Rita Gray  
Bob Hastings  
Lynn Heller  
Bryan Jennings



Karen Jensen  
Rick Kapiszka  
Marnie Keithley  
Ruthy Keller  
Kristina Kraiko  
Cathy Mendenhall  
Lisa Megquier



## Famous Teachers' Quotes...

"You will never be good with a poet in your pocket."  
John Adams

"Art never improves, and yet the quality of art is never quite the same."  
T.S. Elliot

"It's too bad that our bodies wear out while our interests are just as strong as ever."  
Susan B. Anthony

"Democracy is not so much a form of government as a set of principles."  
Woodrow Wilson

"The progress of Education from President Washington to President Grant was alone evidence enough to upset Darwin."  
Henry Brooks Adams

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."  
Albert Einstein

"Wit is a happy insolence."  
Aristotle







Brian Jennings



Jim Croff



Jason Goss



Lisa Morgan



Nikki Miklusak  
Rachel Miller  
Veronica Moisant  
Luann Morgan  
Brian Orkis  
Kay Orzechowicz  
Sue Patricks



Sarah Payne  
Jim Pickett  
Bo Radtke  
Russ Radtke  
Teresa Rambo  
Frankie Schiller  
Dave Smith



Jim Smith  
Veronica Smith  
Mary Solis  
Marlene Storzovich  
Sheila Vackovic  
Kim Vessell  
Jane Villaroman



Julie Wencloff  
Don Whittemore  
Christine Wrobleksi



Grading papers at lunchtime, Sue Patricks, English, sits outside with students while they eat their lunch. "I wish the school would equip the courtyard with tables for kids who wish to enjoy it during springtime," said Patricks.

Prom is a time commonly associated with spending money. Senior Insey Ferguson gets fitted for his tuxedo before his last prom. "I went to prom with my girlfriend. It was a real good time. Money was a little tight, but not too bad this year," said Ferguson.

Eating at McDonald's during lunch, junior Alan Kim takes a break from his AP English 11 class project. The entire AP class agreed to remake the movie *The Scarlet Letter* instead of writing an essay on the book.



Lyndley Clarkson

At a home softball game, sophomore Eric Latham decides to purchase food from the concession stand. The proceeds made at the concession stand go to the Griffith Town Softball League.

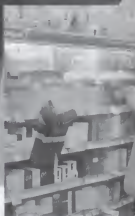
Junior Trevor Wool hands his lunch money to the cashier in the cafeteria after picking out what he wanted for lunch. "My favorite is the spicy chicken. It's great. The school food here is good," said Wool.



Lyndley Clarkson



Lyndley Clarkson



# Making a Living and spending money

"I love shopping, but only in Guitar Center for guitar stuff. I go with my buddy Mike Hughes."

—Brad Glidewell, 12

"Purses and shoes are my favorite. My favorite store is Express."

—Eissa Heidler, 12

"I actually shop for clothes and shoes. I go to the mall when I have time. I love going to Chicago because there is different stuff there."

—Joy Landsay, 12

"I love shopping. It's the best thing in the world."

—Sara Barlow, 12

"I like to shop as long as it's for me."

—Darcy Gower, 12

"I like shopping. I usually go to the mall to shop with my friends. I just look for clothes that fit and that I like."

—Chris Luoss, 11

"I like to buy shirts at The Village that have other school's names and other kid's names on the back and white tees."

—Tim Garbino, 11

"I like shopping at Kohl's and Target with my friends. I usually shop for shirts and pants."

—Tourenj Csongka, 11

"I like tennis shoes when I go to Finish Line, and I take my dad so he'll pay for it."

—Melissa Kuznetsov, 11

"I shop for everything. I go with my friends and my parents give me the money to pay for it."

—Claudia Ryback, 11

"I like any store in the mall. I go shopping with my friends or my mom."

—Olivia Barlow, 10

"I like shoe shopping. I go to the mall or The Village because I like rummaging through clothes."

—Kerensa Maynor, 10

"I don't like shopping because it's boring. It's for girls."

—Shawn O'Keefe, 10

"I don't like it because shopping is boring."

—Matt Gurrola, 10

"I love shopping. I love to go to Michigan City Mall because everything is marked down."

—Lexa Morton, 10

"I usually go to the mall. I like Hollister and Abercrombie."

—Kaitlyn Gibbs, 9

"I really don't shop a lot 'cause I don't have any money to buy anything."

—Joel Gether, 9

"I love shopping and going to the mall with my friends. I like shopping for clothes."

—Miranda Pope, 9

Where we  
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hop



Ashley Cogdill

Emily Adams

"I work three days a week and about six to seven hours a day. It's a good job. I get 15 percent off of everything so I save money. Working is a good thing because everyone needs money," said junior Kora Roberts.

## Danny Lewis



Dan,  
Congratulations! You have given us wonderful memories. We are proud of all your accomplishments. With your determination and heart we plan to continue to watch you excell. (With or without us sitting on bleachers.)

Love & Blessings,  
Mom and Dad

## Danny LaBarge



Now that you're done with high school, we know that whatever you do next, you will be great at it! You have a great sense of humor, don't ever change. You are a great person and even a better son and brother.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Roy & Misty

## Donna Klein



Dear Donna,  
It was a rough road but you made it. Congrats on graduation and reach for all your goals in the future.

Love You,  
Dad, Mom, Heather, Gina, Jasen and Shawn

## Kevin Torok



Kevin,  
We are very proud of everything you have done! With all you have been through, you never gave up on what you could do. You filled this family with wonderful memories and we pray all your dreams come true. Good luck at Purdue!

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Daniel

## Jasen Gilje



Dear Jasen,  
Congratulations! Your dreams are big, but we know you'll achieve them. Good luck in your future and with your goals.

Love,  
Mom, Jeff, Donna, Shawn and Gina

## Shannon Trauscht



Shannon,  
It's time for you to move onto the next chapter in your life. Our greatest happiness has been watching you grow into a beautiful, smart, funny young lady. We are so very proud of you! May all your dreams come true! We love you.  
Mom, Dad & Nick

## Andy Peacock



Dear Andy,  
With hard work, determination and a drive to succeed, you showed them all. May your quest for learning never diminish. The world is yours.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Christopher, Kathy & Bo

## Erin Doherty



Dear Erin,  
As I'm sitting here writing this, I realize how great of a job you have done. We are all very proud of you, and love you very much.

Love,  
Dad



## Marc Momcilovich



Marc,

Each year has given us more reasons to be proud of you. Continue to be the loving, caring, and considerate young man that has made us so proud. Enjoy life, work hard and may you have an exciting and wonderful future. The whole world is ahead of you!!  
ZIVEL!!

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Morgan

## Kelley Jusko



The day you were born, we knew how blessed we were. We've watched you grow into a beautiful, funny, charming young woman. We are proud of your accomplishments academically and athletically, but most of all, for just being you. You are going to be an "Awesome elementary teacher".  
Congratulations!

Love ya!  
Dad & Mom, Holly

## Christina Alvarez



You've grown into a beautiful Angel. Good Luck! We love you!

Love,  
Ma, Pa, Celina, Angelina & Frankie

## Lisa Guzman



Dear Lisa,

It just seems like yesterday that you were waving goodbye to me while going into school. Now, in just a few months we will relive that moment again. You have made all of us so proud. May you continue to enjoy life like you always have.

Love,  
Dad & Mom

## Megan Sudac



Megan,

You've grown up into a beautiful young lady. We've enjoyed everything from your first dance to watching you play basketball. We are so very proud of you. Remember that we will always want the very best for you. You can achieve anything you want.

We love you very much  
Mom, Dad & Kaitylyn



## Elissa Heidler



The outstanding young lady you have become, inside and out, has made us proud. You have set a great example for your younger sisters to aspire to follow.

Congratulations for graduating from high school and good luck in college.

Love,

Mom, Darrel, Brandi & Addie



## Michael Albright



Mike,

I always told you that you were my special gift. I am so proud of you and know that great things are in store for you. My prayers are always with you.

Love,

Mom

## Joanna Tinich

Dear Joanna,

We thank God for the past 18 years that we have been able to watch you grow from an infant into a woman with integrity, morals, independence and confidence. We pray that as you enter the next phase of your life, you will continue to grow in wisdom and in spirit.

We love you,

Mom and Dad



## Kojelyte Johnson



Kojelyte,

You've always sang with a voice unique, and played on a stage of your own. May every dream you're dreaming, every hope and plan come true, and every day begin and end on a LYRIC musical note or two.

Love Always,

Mommie, Dad, & Ericka



## Leila Beratto



Leila,

Kojelyte, Ericka, and I have enjoyed sharing this past year with you. You have taught us patience and how to share.

Love your

American Host family,

The Johnsons

We would like to thank the GHS Faculty and students for welcoming Leila.

## Juliana Csevernak



We just knew you were going to be fun. You are our favorite daughter and precious to us in every way. We wish you every success and happiness. We admire your sport and your zest for life. Your family is behind you all the way.

Love you

Mom, Dad, Mike, Tom & Tanner

## Todd Polgar



Todd,  
Congratulations! Thank you for all the wonderful memories. I am so proud of you and your accomplishments. Good luck as you begin college. I know that you will be very successful. Remember I love you and will always be there for you.  
Love,

Mom

## Brett Newman



Brett,  
Congratulations! We are all so proud of your accomplishments and the wonderful person you have grown up to be. You have always been a blessing and a pleasure to have in our lives. May your future be as bright as the "SONSHINE" you have given us.  
Love,

Mom, Dad & Julie

## Claudio Gurrola



The future ahead is uncertain but as we enjoyed watching you grow up into a mature and caring young man, we believe that you are now prepared to accomplish all your dreams and goals. Always remember that what you believe determines the success in your life.

Love,

Dad, Mom, Carlo & Matt



## Sarah Zajac



Sarah,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you! Our wish for you is that no matter where the future leads you, happiness will follow. We look forward to the exciting road ahead for you. Know that we will always be here for you. Thank you for being you!

With our love-

Mom & Dad, Joe & Michael



## Sarah Tharp



Then

Now

## Joy Lindsay



Joy,

We are so proud of you! You are an outstanding young lady who always pursues academic excellence with beautiful artistic talents. Much love and success as you go off to college this fall.

"You Bring Us Joy"

Mommy, Daddy, Grandmother, Tiffany & Kimberly



## Caitlin Dudley



Cait,

We are so proud of you! You are the best daughter, big sister, and friend! Thanks for all the memories. We'll keep them close to our hearts. Remember to have fun, be happy and always follow your heart! May every day be a sunny, happy day!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Hannah, Olivia,  
& Jodi



Cait  
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## Mimi Wilczynski



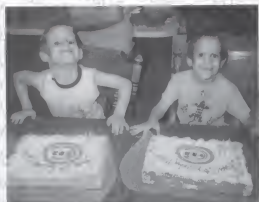
You have grown into a lovely young woman. I am so proud of everything you have accomplished. The future is endless - so reach for the stars. Make every dream of yours come true. Good luck to my "baby sister." We all love you very much.

Love,

Mom, Suzy & Kristen



## Matthew & David Melton



Dear Matt & David,

It seems like just yesterday you rode together on your firetruck, and now you drive the "Senior Mobile." Always remember all the fun you've had together, and as you both strike out on your own, remember you will always have each other to rely on. Strive for your dreams - you can both accomplish anything! Thanks for all the great memories - We are very proud of both of you.

Love,

Mom & Dad, Tommy, Jeff & Chris





## Jerry Menchaca



Congratulations Jerry! Graduating from high school is a major milestone. Now that one door is closing, another one will open. Keep God in your heart, stay focused, continue to work hard and you'll be on your way to a successful future. Remember we will always be here for you.



Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, & Christina

## Wendi Holmes



Dearest Wendi,

Congratulations! Where did the time go? We can't believe you're graduating high school already! You are such a beautiful person inside and out. Don't ever change. Good luck in the future and don't forget we are always here for you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Sammi & Pepper

## Ashley Burch



Ashley,  
Don't look back - Keep your eyes on the horizon. We will always be there for you!

Love,  
Dad, Mom and Jimmy

## Brad Connell



Dear Bradley,  
Congratulations on your graduation and all your accomplishments. We enjoyed the concerts, swim meets, football, soccer and baseball games. Thanks for the memories. You were a good kid and became a great young man. We are very proud of you. GO SOX!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Beth, Julie, & Ki

## Whitney Gasaway



Then



Now

## Jeff Aguilera



Where have the years gone? I'm not ready to let you go. I am so proud of the intelligent, caring, loving, and respectful man you have become. I will always be here to love and support you in whatever you decide to do.

Love,  
Mom

## Rich Lehmann



Dear Richard,

We are so very proud of you and your accomplishments. You have grown into such a wonderful young man, strong in character, a leader by example with God fearing morals. As you close this chapter of your life and begin the next, we pray you will continue to set your goals high, striving every day to become the best you can be without sacrificing your integrity. Always remember your God and keep him first in your life and you'll never go wrong. We love you so much.

Dad, Mom, & Nathan



## Rich Lehmann



Dear Richard,  
May you always realize that with God's help, you are capable of reaching and exceeding difficult goals, making dreams come true, and achieving the only kind of success that really matters; that of being at peace with God, yourself, and the world around you.  
Remember how much you are always loved.  
Grandfather and Grandy

## John Rodgers



Then

NOW

## Adrienne Powers



"I have watched you take shape from a jumble of parts and find the grace and form of a fine work of art. Hey, you, my brand new woman, newly come into your own. Don't you know that you don't need to grow up all alone."

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Lindsey

## Brittany Miller



Dear Brittany,

You have given us so many wonderful memories. We are so proud of you. You have become a beautiful young lady. Watching you cheer for four years has been great! We love you and wish you nothing but the best in your future life.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Brooke



## Alyson Lawerncell



Alyson,  
We are so very proud of you and the young woman you have become. You have worked hard and achieved much! As you leave your high school years and begin a new adventure. Always remember that you are loved.  
Congratulations!

Love Mom & Dad

## Erin Doherty



Erin,

You never cease to amaze me! Given the many attributes you possess, you've achieved more than most would in a lifetime. No matter what, you never settle for anything less than perfect. So giving and so beautiful, you truly are my pride and joy! Congratulations!

Love Always,  
Mom



## Kevin Horn



Kevin,

I can't believe how fast the time has gone by. You're all grown up with a great future ahead of you. I'm so proud of you. Enjoy life and I'll miss seeing you on stage.

Love,  
Mom, Matt & Katie

## Amanda MacFarlane



Manda,

I'm so proud of the beautiful, kind, loving young woman you've become. You've always been a true team player and I'll miss watching your volleyball and softball games. Work hard to succeed in the future and never settle for less than the best.

Much love always,  
Mom

## Sam Barlog



Baby Girl,

It's hard to believe that high school graduation is here. Where did those 18 years go? This milestone is one of the many that you have had throughout your life. And we know there will be many more. You should be proud of yourself! WE ARE!!! You are a very determined, caring, beautiful and intelligent young woman. Remember, each of us gets one chance at life, so we must make the best of it, and you already have a great start. With your positive attitude, focus, and determination, you are bound for an even greater future. Follow your dreams. Congratulations! We love you very much! Dad, Mom, Amanda, and Baby Boy Hunter

## Kaitlyn O'Brien



Dear Kaitlyn,

Our love & pride overflows! From the day you were born, you've never failed to surprise and delight us. You were an adorable, energetic, smart, adventurous little girl. Now you are a beautiful, intelligent, sensitive, athletic young woman with a kind & loving heart. You will be great at whatever you decide to do. Shoot for the stars and we will always be there to support you!

All our love,  
Dad, Mom, Jeff, Cory, Gina & Adam



## Jaime verville



Jaime,

It probably seems to you like it's taken a long time to get where you are today, but to us, it has gone by so quickly. You have grown to be a beautiful and intelligent young woman who has much confidence and determination in what you want, and we know with your focus and hard work, you will be successful. We are very proud of you! As you are starting a new chapter in your life, follow your dreams and do your best at whatever you choose. The best is yet to come. Enjoy! Congratulations! We love you!

Uncle Jim, Aunt Linda, Grandma, Papa, and Cousins Amanda and Samantha



## Matt Rocchiatti



Then



Now

## Garry Ciesco



Then



Now

## Jim Swienconeck



Jim,

We are very proud of the young man that you have become. You have worked very hard for all your accomplishments that you have achieved. We will miss watching #7 on the baseball field. You have given us so many memories! We will always be there for you, with our love and support. Good Luck in college and the next chapter of your life.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

## Jeff Martin



Jeff,

We are so proud of the young man you are becoming! From the time you were little to now, you have always been on the go. Remember you must make wise decisions about your future. This is an exciting adventure and a time for you to get to know yourself and your needs. TAKE TIME TO ENJOY IT ALL! Always know how much we love you! Good luck at Butler!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Josh, Jeremy, and all your Grandparents





## Greg Rucinski



Same pictures - just different shirts!

Pud - As you will always be to us. We are so very proud of you. Congratulations on your last two years on the honor roll. We wish you nothing but luck and happiness in your future and at Purdue.

Love you bunches,  
Mom & Dad



## Kyle Young



Kyle,

You are the miracle that happened in our lives, we can't say that enough.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

"Life loves to be taken by the lapel and told 'I am with you kid. Let's go'"  
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## Joe Ferguson

Dear Joe,

Congratulations! You're finally going to get out of here. I'm so happy for you. I've only been with you for a couple of years, but you're still my baby. Although high school is over for you, our life is just getting started. I will always be here for you to support and love you. You have made my life better in so many ways and I will never be able to show you how or repay your kindness.

I love you forever and forever.  
Ashley



## Doug Abbott

Doug, You are such a wonderful person - inside and out! There are always tough times as a leader (and in life generally), but you took the good with the bad, and you always kept smiling and pushing toward your ultimate goal. I know you will achieve all of your dreams and I look forward to helping you in the future become the best journalism teacher ever! The staff and I will miss your moods, laughter, and your "moments"! Go IU!

Love Always,  
Miss Kraiko



## John Rodgers



John-

How fast 18 years have gone. What a great young man you have become. We wish you much happiness and love throughout your life. Good luck in all you do. We are here for you always and forever. Achieve much - Dream Big!

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Kim



## Andrew Thomas

Proverbs 10:1 says, "A wise son brings joy to his father." You have brought and will continue to bring joy to Dad and I, and many other people. Congratulations! Watch out ISU, here comes Drew!

Love,  
mom & Dad

## Doug Abbott



Doug,

Time passes much too quickly. Yesterday you were a baby in my arms. Today you're graduating from highschool. I am beaming with pride at the young man you have become. I admire your strength, courage, honesty, and your ability to be true to yourself. I know you will excel in the life ahead of you and I am certain you will go far. Congratulations!

Love,  
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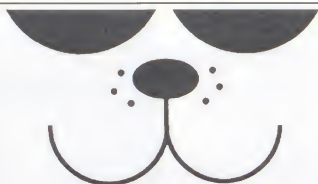
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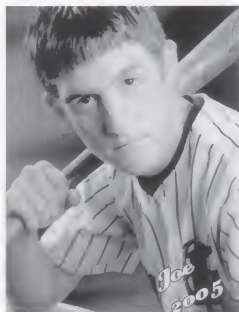
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How we act  
and what we do  
When we play  
and why we shop  
Where we sleep  
and who we are

This was our Point of View.

The heat of the game  
The reward of a good grade  
The worry of school functions  
The agony of student pictures  
The annoyance of spending money  
The pressure of social functions

This was our Point of View.

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# Point of View

Dances, plays,  
clubs, partying,  
Administration,  
habits, games,  
Hobbies, studying,  
life.

This was our Point of View.

We've been told what to do,  
when to speak,  
Where to sit,  
who to listen to,  
Why we're here,  
and how to act,  
But now, you've  
heard us.

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# Editor's View

The fear of this book becoming a disaster was almost enough to make me turn down the position of Editor-in-Chief. I know that it isn't perfect, but I worked hard with my staff to produce this book, and without them, this book would just be an idea in my head. During the production of this book, I broke some rules and did what I wanted, driving Ms. Kraiko up the wall. Even though she knew better, she let me do it my way guiding me all along.

There is an odd thing that when writing a thank you, one always seems to think of their mother. My mother has been a constant in my life and without her, I'd be lost. And there is always my brothers and sisters to count on. They're all my favorite.

Looking back at this past year of my life, I've noticed that I have become a much stronger, more confident person. It was with self determination and self reliance, not to mention courage, that I was able to walk through the hallways of Griffith High School unscathed. I give my thanks to The Crew for teaching me that the only way I can be truly happy is to start being happy on my own.

Full of drama, there was never a dull moment in Griffith. Through all the suspense, wondering what was true and who was lying, and gossiping about rumors, I've learned who my true friends are, and without them to support me in my hour of need, this book may never have been finished with the same intentions as it had at its conception. I couldn't have made it as far as I have without my friends and the support of those I love.

This book, for me, is a triumph of trials. No matter what I had going on, I could always count on the deadlines of yearbook to bring me back to reality. No matter what I did, I couldn't escape the responsibility. I had to get this book out not only for myself, my adviser, and my staff, but also for the students counting on us to produce their memories.

For my last "thank you," I want to say how grateful I am that I came to Griffith. It was the faculty and students I met and the friends I made here that really helped shape the person that I have become, and that is someone I had been aspiring to be for a long time. Thank you all for helping me reach my goals.

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